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## Media sells yachting, but not soccer

I am ready to make a confession. Yes, Father, I have sinned. Once again, I have vastly underrated the power of promotion propaganda, marketing — or hustling; call it what you like.

A few months ago I would have sworn that the America's Cup would leave 99 per cent of this country's population in total indifference.

And why not? This "sporting event" between two ego-maniac millionaires is of no concern to anybody but the handful of 12-metre yacht enthusiasts.

At a rough estimate, I'd say they number 200. Make it 1,000 and you've been generous. The huge majority of the population never has been on a yacht, never seen a yacht close-up and will die peacefully without even thinking of boarding one.

In other words, Australia at large has no knowledge of nor interest in the damned thing.

And yet, hysteria apparently has gripped this often apathetic nation about a quaint race somewhere on the east coast of the USA, a race in which two pretty boats move at Snail's pace for hours in the least photogenic way possible.

And all this because of the power of the media! All the newspapers, radio stations and TV channels have been describing every whiff of the wind in such breathless prose that you'd think the battle of Waterloo was being replayed.

The event has become a matter of enormous national pride: the little Aussie battler from Perth (actually from England), risking the last of his millions, pitted against the villainous, conspiring, wealthy (or wealthy-looking), red-coated, Panama-hatted geriatrics representing the New York Yacht Club.

David against Goliath, Cinderella against the wicked stepmother, Polish cavalry against Nazi tanks or any other parallel you care to think of.

A whip-the-Yanks mood has developed (let's also remember the Coral Sea battle) and long dormant passions have been stirred into a fury.

And all by the media. Which merely proves that if they want to sell something to the public, if they REALLY set their hearts on creating a national interest where none would normally exist, they can do just that. Imagine what could be achieved with that sort of publicity machine for soccer, for instance. If, for a period of two or three months, every news bulletin on TV and radio, every front

By **ANDREW DETTRE**



Australia Two



Dez Marton

page story in the dailies would be devoted to the studs on Dez Marton's boots and not the winged keel of Australia II. If a million words a day were uttered about Odzakovic's ball control rather than a mere yacht's billowing sails.

stant replays sponsored by Coke ("a 100 million dead can't be wrong") or Best and Less stores ("no fancy overhead, buy now and perish later").

But soccer only can dream of such exposure. We have to make do with a modest few inches here and there, faithfully reporting the various inter-ethnic squabbles, the we-were-unlucky laments of coaches and we-will-protect-our-bad-reputation communiques of presidents.

Ah, for a bit of maritime glam-

Not just a sport but a whole World War III could be sold to the public with such an effort. Goebbels did it some 40 years ago, so did Churchill and they didn't even have TV. What an improved war we could have now with in-



Green Gully Ajax brought to 12 the number of honors gained in the past six years when it won its third successive Victorian State League championship last Sunday. Apart from the league titles, Ajax won the 1979, '81 and '83 Ampol Cups, the '81 and '82 Dockerty Cups, the '82 State League Cup, the '78 Armstrong Cup and two of its players, Jimmy Dunne and Peter Lewis, won the Bill Fleming Medal in '80 and '82 respectively.

The team, pictured above, from left back row: Mario Berg (team manager), Steve Short, Ron Kramers, Stuart Connell, Paul Lewis, Jim Williams, Steve McKern, Steve McClelland, Lou Donyz. Front: Willie Vassallo, Fabio Mancinelli, Paul Lewis, Peter Boyle, Dave Hogben, Bobby Tool, Kit Greench. Inset: player-coach David Smallman.

## NSL revolt over club names



**Monagle's medal**

Liam Monagle (left), imported from Ireland with Joe McGrory (right) by Heidelberg-Alexander three years ago, has won the 1983 Tasmanian Rothmans Medal.

Monagle, 27, who is in his second year with Ulverstone, won the medal with 33.843 votes.

### NEWCASTLE TO PLAY IN U.S.

Newcastle KB United will play an indoor tournament against the San Diego Sockers, the Golden Bay Earthquakes and V. K. Hecken, the Swedish national indoor champion, in California in November.

The San Diego Sockers, who are organising the tournament, have guaranteed Newcastle \$10,000 in prize-money, but the Australians stand to make \$25,000 if they win the series.

It will be played as a team double-header on November 3 and 5, with the two winners and two losers from the first night meeting on the second night.

The tournament will be shown on television in San Diego and in Sweden.

Since June, the Newcastle players and coaching staff have been raising money to cover the cost of the tour.

In addition, each player will put in about \$400 to make up the total of \$34,000 required.

"When we win the tournament — as I'm confident we will — the prize money will be divided among the players," says Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser.

Newcastle is negotiating for a further game against the Los Angeles Aztecs as a lead-up to the tournament.

Newcastle's tour also will take in Disneyland and Hawaii.

A package tour is available for fans wishing to accompany the team. The tour costs \$1599 for adults and \$730 for children under 12.

Croatia Sydney has threatened not to join the 1984 NSL unless its correct club name is listed in the official fixtures.

And Melita Eagles, Juventus (Vic) and Croatia Melbourne are willing to form a united front to pressure the ASF into changing a controversial rule requiring clubs to play under district names.

Even National League chairman Sam Papaasavas, who is a member of the ASF executive, has spoken against the rule.

Although the rule allows use of traditional names in conjunction with district names, the NSL is to draw up NSL fixtures and ladders in district names only, as it does at the moment.

In other words, Croatia Sydney, Melita Eagles, Juventus and Croatia Melbourne would be shown in fixtures and ladders as, perhaps: Sydney, Parramatta, Brunswick United and some variation of Melbourne — City, United, or some such.

Not only do these clubs resent the prospect of seeing their traditional names slowly eroded, but many existing NSL clubs would welcome a return to traditional names.

Mr Tony Basic, secretary of Croatia Sydney, said this week: "We will tell the NSL that we want the fixtures to say Croatia Sydney, or Sydney Croatia. We don't want the Croatia left off. If they don't want this, it is up to them. Then we won't play in the NSL. We will play in the State League instead, under the name Croatia."

Mr Basic added: "By forcing the clubs to change their names, the ASF is doing no good for soccer. In fact, it is helping to kill soccer."

There are many clubs with only district names but they do not have any supporters. We have supporters, because we have tradition, and a community that loves the game. If the papers start calling us a different name, we will lose our identity."

Melita Eagles will apply for NSL membership under the name Parramatta Melita or Parramatta Eagles — but only under strong protest, according to club secretary Lawrence Dimech.

"Our members have not agreed to change our name. That cannot be done except by a two-thirds majority at an annual meeting," Dimech said.


But under the ASF regulations, we have to apply under a district name, and we must have our application in by October 1. It is like putting a gun at our heads.

"The rule is totally wrong. It imposes someone else's will on us, whereas all we want is to continue calling ourselves Melita Eagles."

"We've been in soccer for 25 years under that name, yet now they want us to change it. Imagine if our forefathers had had the same attitude to the Aborigines."

"And this type of dictatorial behaviour is being tolerated despite the pursuit of multiculturalism by the media and the government."

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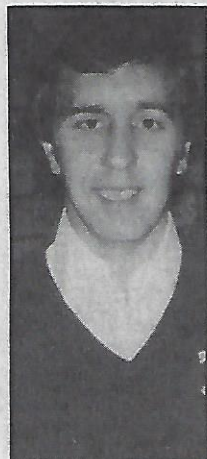


# Ricki Herbert to leave Olympic?

By  
PAUL  
MOON

Several New Zealand newspapers have reported that Kiwi international Ricki Herbert may return to Auckland after just one season with Sydney Olympic.

## Tribute to Cameron



Andy Cameron

Heidelberg Bundoora (Vic) will honor long-serving player Andy Cameron, 37, this Sunday, October 2, with a testimonial match at the Metro Third Division club's home ground in Banksia Street, Heidelberg.

The Lord Mayor of Heidelberg will make a special presentation to Cameron, who is in his 22nd year with the club and has played over 460 games.

The testimonial match, between Heidelberg Bundoora and a Diamond Valley select, features present and past players. Apart from some first-teamers, Heidelberg will feature George Glenzie, Hugh Murney, Jim Dale, Don Clark and current first team coach John "Shocker" Myles.

The Diamond Valley select includes Tom Brewerton (from Richmond), Bernie Yearsley, Steve Curtis, John Campani, Terry McQuillan (Diamond Valley), Daryl Berr, Robert Coonan (Greensborough) and Ron Van Dervan (Rossana).

The game kicks off at 2 pm and all former Heidelberg players are invited to join in the afternoon's festivities.

The departure of Tommy Docherty has put Herbert's future into question. The lanky central defender is quoted as saying: "It was Tommy who was mainly responsible for luring me to Olympic; now he's gone I don't know where I stand."

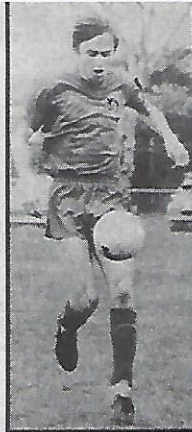
Herbert is on a one-season contract, having declined to sign for two, as Docherty wished.

Should he return to New Zealand, it will be on a free transfer, as stipulated in his contract, but a move to another Australian club would involve a fee.

"My transfer would be anything between \$10,000 and \$20,000," he speculated. "And I have my doubts if any club would consider my services worth that amount."

The Aucklanders reflected that "coming to Australia has been worthwhile for the experience, but now my priority is to represent New Zealand in the next two World Cup campaigns."

On Olympic's controversial fans, he has mixed feelings. "They seem to have accepted me and I am grateful for that, but their attitude has disappointed me. They cheered for Brisbane City when they beat us 3-0 recently. That would not happen in New Zealand, or, I think, any other Aussie clubs."



Paul Wade

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# Will Marconi sign up Paul Wade?

BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

Paul Wade's served his time in the Victorian State League. He's going to give the NSL a go next year and it wouldn't surprise to see Marconi renew the interest it showed in the talented 21-year-old midfielder late last year.

Marconi coach Doug Collins flew to Melbourne to watch Wade in action in the late stages of the 1982 Dockerty Cup.

At Marconi's expense, Wade spent a Saturday in Sydney, just before Christmas, viewing the club's set-up at Fairfield and meeting the Marconi bosses.

When he returned to Melbourne, Wade had to weigh up the terms offered to him by Marconi against his desire to complete the final year of studies as a mechanical draughtsman. He found out that he wouldn't be able to complete his course in NSW this year so he decided to stay with Croydon and complete his studies.

There is a maximum transfer fee clause in his contract with Croydon but Wade isn't prepared to disclose how much it is.

"I never told anyone how much my maximum was but somehow Marconi found out and all hell broke loose at Croydon. To be fair to Croydon, I'd rather not mention the figure right now," said Wade.

Wade gets hot under the collar when he hears talk about rival State League clubs Fawkner and Northcote being considered for inclusion in the 1984 NSL ahead of Croydon.

"We walloped Fawkner and Northcote this year. Just because we're British doesn't mean that we're a poor team. All you ever hear is getting this European team or that European team into the National League. That annoys me."

"We can mix it with the best of them. Take a look at the State League ladder. How can anyone in their right mind put Fawkner or Northcote ahead of Croydon?"

"And I hear that the NSL bosses are considering only Green Gully Ajax. What do you have to do to get into that league? Do the NSL people want to improve the standard of their league or not? If I had any say in selecting the new NSL teams from Victoria I'd definitely include Croydon."

Wade came to Australia from Altrincham in England as an 11-year-old. His first club was Dandenong City. He switched to Doveton after two seasons, then joined Slavia's State League Colts under-16's and made his senior State League debut in 1979. He finally signed professional forms in 1981, when he joined Croydon and won the club's best and fairest award in his first season. A knee injury forced him to miss 10 games last season but he still finished third in the club best and fairest award.

He's been coached by Harry Chalkitis, Bill McArthur, Ken Kontra and current Croydon coach Ted Dilworth.

"It's hard for me to talk about good or bad coaches because I've never worked under any of the notables like a Rale Rasic, for example."

Wade's an aggressive competitor who runs all day. He has an amazing leap and often gets forward into the opposition penalty area where his heading ability is a constant threat. He'd like to improve his ball skills but even in that department he's no slouch. He's got a powerful shot and his disposal is excellent. He's got what it takes to make his mark in the NSL.

## Conquerors of U.S.



The Victorian Under 15 women's team which beat the U.S. 2-0 and 4-1 recently. From left, back row: Don Jones (coach), Jacky Davey, Anne Sanders, Nicole Holding, Melinda Maity, Cherry Grugfield, Jacy Casser. Front: Jackie Davie, Danielle Parnis, Heidi Davey, Michelle Metcalf, Anita Shanks, Kellie Loughman, Marlene Spitrei.

## Wollongong dinner

An inaugural citizens' luncheon will be held on October 14 at the North Beach International Motel, to benefit Wollongong City.

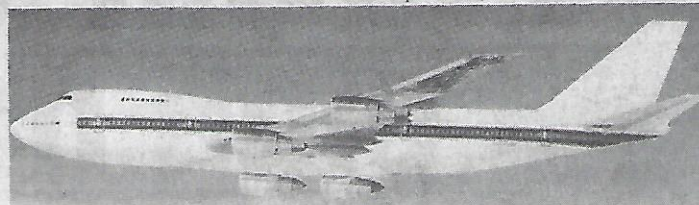
The club has suffered financial difficulties because of the economic recession and other problems and has a number of outstanding financial commitments to settle before the end of the season. It is hoped the proceeds of the luncheon will make a substantial contribution to the club's cash flow.

The luncheon will start at 1 pm and the cost will be \$50 a person. Just ring 84 7135 or 84 5602.

## SUNBURY SHIELD

The Victorian Sunbury Shield will start at 11.30 am on Saturday, October 1 at Sunbury's sporting complex at Langama Park, Mitchell Lane, Sunbury. Teams appearing in the competition will be Kallor City, Broadmeadows, Coburg and of course, Sunbury.

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# THE BIG RACE IS ON

## TO SIGN O'CONNOR

**Phil O'Connor, one of the finest forwards in Australian soccer, won't be with Wollongong next year. And three or four of his team-mates are likely to move also.**

While the club from the Illawarra has struggled this season, O'Connor has cemented his place as an Australian international of immense stature. His performances against England were outstanding.

At club level, O'Connor consistently has picked up votes in our Boral Bricks award for the NSL Player of the Year. A win would make O'Connor \$1500 richer and add prestige to his already healthy reputation.

O'Connor already has been sounded out by other clubs for next season but he has to resolve his financial situation with Wollongong before considering a move. There's a \$16,000 maximum transfer fee in his contract.

"What can I say about Wollongong's season? We've had a weak team, played on a terrible pitch and had financial problems. Brazil

couldn't play on Ziems Park," said O'Connor. O'Connor, 29, comes from Essex in England. He was apprenticed at Southend, switched to Bexley in the Southern League then signed with Luton Town for a \$4000 transfer fee. He was a full time professional at Luton for two and a half seasons then came to Australia in the 1970s and joined the now defunct Balgownie.

O'Connor signed for St George in 1977 and switched to APIA late in 1979. APIA gave St George \$9000 and a player in exchange for the flying winger.

O'Connor is in his second season with Wollongong. He has made 22 appearances for the national team, 15 in full internationals, and has scored four goals.

### THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



**Act Two, Scene One: NSW clubs — some of which don't even exist yet — are queuing up to get into the enlarged NSL.**

Why? What promise of salvation does a Sutherland, Manly, Kuringal or Penrith expect from being in the NSL? Don't they realise — hasn't anybody told them? — that the Big Boys actually established the NSL in 1977 for the specific purpose of dumping what they had always regarded as a ballast?

And if Kuringal or Manly feel they are up to NSL standards, what's keeping Bankstown, Auburn, Canterbury and the others from trying to join in — and thereby, in a roundabout way, returning to the pre-1977 NSW Federation State League?

**The terrible danger is that the NSL will be watered down.**

Neither the playing nor the administrative standards of the present NSL clubs can be described as high or professional; do imagine the consequences of further lowering the levels. Sydney hasn't got enough quality players for its present five NSL teams; now we may have nine teams, four new ones which need about 64 new top players (at 16 per club); where will they come from?

What the candidates now have — with a handful of exceptions — are strictly State League standards; there must be a good six-goal difference between a Sydney City and a Manly or Kuringal.

And one-sided games with cricket score results will perhaps amuse the fans of the winning team — for a while — But won't create a strong League and keen competition.

**Some of the clubs likely to apply for NSL status have come out with very strange claims.**

Take Sutherland, whose spokesman reportedly said: "We have the biggest junior district in Australia and the local people are keen to support top soccer."

The local junior district counts for nothing when it comes down to spectators; neither the kids nor their parents will watch Sutherland's first team.

This has been the pattern in all other areas and Sutherland won't be an exception.

Any way would the good people of Sutherland all of a sudden support top soccer when they never did in the past?

Or take Kuringal whose spokesman announced: "Our application is based on the use of either North Sydney

## Much ado about nothing by the lesser lights from NSW

Oval or the excellent Englefield Stadium at West Pennant Hills.

North Sydney Oval is a petrified 19th century dump while the Englefield "stadium" is a lovely training venue but lacking spectator facilities and creature comforts — such as a grandstand.

If that is a stadium, how do you refer to the Nou Camp in Barcelona, Wembley in London or the San Siro in Turin?

**Which of the applicant clubs will be prepared to spend some \$300,000 — or slightly less — on their team in 1984?**

Indeed, which of them has that sort of resources? Clubs run on shoestring budgets — like Sutherland — would economise on administration, promotion and players and inevitably fall back. Within a year the new NSL would have permanent slum-dwellers, a kind of South Bronx.

Neither good intentions nor honest ambitions are enough to make the big step up to the NSL.

Or are we to believe that the Manlys, Sutherlands and Kuringals can seriously match the resources of a Marconi — which is also finding it hard to make ends meet?

**Croatia, Melita and Blacktown are the only NSL aspirants who could make a go of it though one or two of these might also find the NSL beyond their capabilities. That makes Croatia the only certainty.**

I feel it would have been much safer to add only two new Sydney clubs to the Eastern group plus two from Brisbane and then Wollongong, Newcastle and Canberra — 10 teams.

Attaching the Brisbane clubs to those in Melbourne and Adelaide doesn't make sense from a footballing or a geographical viewpoint.

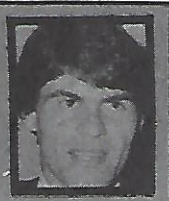
No wonder the Queenslanders feel abandoned, bitter and left wondering whether this is just a trick to snip them out of national circulation through financial strangulation.

**And what about the NSW Federation? They are understandably worried that the loss of Croatia, Melita and perhaps some others will reduce their standard and bring them close to amateur status.**

If they are smart, they will very quickly bring two South American-supported clubs into the State League, revamp Canterbury into a strong Greek club and perhaps create one for the large Lebanese community.

This would amount to open admission that pure district clubs don't draw crowds. And they'd better make that admission without further humpbucking.

### KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



## Canterbury's

### '84 title?

My old club, Canterbury-Marrickville, may be in the National League within two years.

Under promotion-relegation rules in the regionalised NSL, the last-placed of the eight NSW clubs will be relegated and replaced by the champion of the NSW State League.

And Canterbury has a top show of winning the State League title next season, after Melita Eagles, Croatia, Blacktown and one other club have left to join the NSL.

Canterbury finished only ninth this year — but that's not a bad effort, considering the club relied on youngsters rather than buying players from other clubs.

The youth policy implemented by coach John Xipolitas — who, incidentally, coached me during my youth — produced players like Nick Theodorakopoulos, Steve Hazis and Bill Vassiliou.

Theodorakopoulos, with 17 goals, was joint top scorer in the State League.

Next season, with my old Olympic team mates Derek Laing and Bill Palmer, and possibly also Ian Rowden and Ken Wilson, who are said to be joining soon, Canterbury should be one of the favorites for the league championship.

Dennis Eternatis should be a regular in the first team next season, and believe me, he won't let Xipolitas down.

#### What a finish

The NSW State League gave us one of the most exciting finishes of all time, when Melita Eagles took the title ahead of Croatia.

Melita won the title after giving Polonia a 7-0 hiding in the last round.

Croatia meanwhile, was held to a draw by arch-rival Yugal, the only side to beat Croatia this season.

A draw would have been enough for Croatia, had Melita scored less than four goals, but as it turned out, Melita's goal avalanche against Polonia gave the Maltese club the title on goal difference. Obviously, coach Raul Blanco had looked at all the possibilities, and knew that his team needed as many goals as possible to stay in with a chance.

My old St George team mate Billy Griffiths contributed two of those goals and his fellow striker Wayne Farnsworth, described recently as "Australia's Gerd Mueller", also notched two.

Congratulations, Raul Blanco, and the high-flying Eagles. Their future looks bright.

## The own goal saga

**This is probably the most unique feature of this season in the NSW State League and possibly any season in any country — players from one club have managed to score for and against their own side on three separate occasions!**

In round five, Bankstown got its first two pointer of the season after defeating Canterbury 3-1, but not before Chris Rootsey netted for both Canterbury and Bankstown!

Only a week later Bankstown was beaten by the same score in a match against Melita Eagles with O'Neill scoring for an against Bankstown.

In round 13 it was Ken York

who completed this unique treble for Bankstown by scoring for both Auburn and Bankstown in a memorable 5-4 win to Auburn.

Strangely enough, Bankstown players have not conceded another goal in any of the remaining matches during the year. Latest rumour that those who scored an own goal were sent up front to repair the damage might explain this unique situation.

Still on the own goal story, despite this treble by Bankstown, it was Manly which gained most from own goals with Geoghean netting own goals for Melita Eagles and Bankstown during the season.

**Own goals for 1983:**

2: Geoghean (Bankstown and Melita).

1: O'Neill (Melita Eagles; Rootsey (Canterbury); Hesford (Blacktown); Pointer (Croatia); Frances (Kuringal); Turnbull (Avila); York (Auburn).

## Koulizos wants West job next year, Alan Vest to Canberra?

**Peter Koulizos, 33, who replaced Alan Vest early last week as coach of West Adelaide Hellas, only is in a caretaker capacity but wants to coach the Greek-backed club in 1984.**

And if West gains a couple of good results in the handful of remaining NSL games Koulizos has every reason to feel confident of winning the job next year.

"I don't have any problems with our players. They've known me for a while now so even though they were very close to Alan, I haven't had to win them over," said Koulizos.

"Players respect a coach who sticks up for them. That's one of the reasons they respect Alan Vest."

Vest and Hellas reportedly parted company by mutual agreement, fuelling rumors that Vest is headed to Melbourne next year to coach. The former Newcastle KB coach reportedly will link up with former Heidelberg Alexander coach Ken Morton in a coaching partnership. The most recent rumor about Vest's future though, links him with Canberra Arrows. Canberra coach Attila Abonyi, the former Socceroo great, is tipped to take over at Sydney Croatia if that club, as expected, wins a place in the revamped NSL next year.

Koulizos may be young in coaching terms but he's been in that side of the game since 1978 and last year he took West Adelaide's second string side to the league championship of the South Australian Second Division, and success in the Charity Cup with a 3-2 win over Azurri in the final. Wests finished 5th in First Division this year.

Koulizos' playing career ended abruptly in November 1974 when he broke his leg

during a game. He had started with Budapest juniors in 1968 and joined USC Lion as an amateur in 1971. He still was with Lion when he broke his leg.

He always had been a West Adelaide Hellas supporter and when his playing days ended he turned toward administration, joining the Hellas committee late in 1974. He was Hellas delegate to the South Australian Soccer Federation and team manager of the first team before deciding to get involved in coaching in 1978 when he took over as Hellas youth team coach.

Koulizos left Hellas in 1979 to join the coaching staff at Para Hills, where he was assistant coach for two successive seasons. He coached Azurri in 1981 and rejoined Hellas last year.

"I definitely want to coach West Adelaide Hellas in the NSL next year. The committee has given me this chance to show them what I can do and if I am appointed for next season I am very confident that we can do well," said Koulizos.

"We have so many good young boys coming through the ranks that our future looks really bright. These talented youngsters, backed up by the experience of players like Martyn Crook and Graham Heys, give us the basis of a top team. By my reckoning, we only need to add two top class new players to have a very strong squad and I understand that the club will make every effort to sign a couple of big players for next year."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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# WEEKLY MEETINGS

**SUTHERLAND 0, BLACKTOWN 0.** Sudden death semi-final at Melita Stadium, Sunday. Referee: Barry Wilkinson. Crowd: 2,500.

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes, Huxford, Terry, Schumann, Defforno (18 Scarfeleg), Cashman, Harrington, Wabbar (Cinch), Beggs, Grooms, Meades.

**BLACKTOWN:** Hoare, Quarmby (10), Wallbourne, Turnbull, Wheatley, Polster, Selva, Brogan, Stoddart, Walker (57), O'Shane, McLaughlin, Larkin.

After 120 minutes of play at Melita Stadium, Sutherland and Blacktown went away with nothing to show for their effort. This clash will now be replaced this Saturday with the big semi-final to be played the following day between Melita and Croatia.

The Sutherland v Blacktown game was a four struggle with neither side getting on top of the other. Sure, chances came both ways but easy scoring opportunities were squandered.

Nigel Grooms had an early chance but a superb save by Barry Hoare kept the Demons in the match. Michael Quarmby had an opportunity close to the end of the first half after a good move by Robert Wheatley but the shot by the youngster went straight at Haynes.

With 10 minutes of regular time remaining, it was

Grooms again who should have made more of his opportunity after Mark Harrington put him through, but he nervously missed.

Then, with time running out in extra time, it was all up to Stuart Selva from 10 metres out and Haynes to beat, but it wasn't to be. Selva missed, and Sutherland lived to fight another day.

So, here we go again, for yet another start to the semi-finals. Following this week's matches at least two things will be known which will go into the Grand Final after Sunday's match as well as who will retire for the season after Saturday's match at Melita Stadium.

Both Sutherland and Blacktown have problems. For Sutherland it is Vic Dalorno who is in trouble after coming off with an injury early last weekend. He is Sutherland's mainstay at the back and hard to replace. His understanding with Schumann over the years has given the Sharks a stability few clubs can boast.

And what about the Demons? Their bite was not evident in the match against Sutherland. Walker was out of

touch and was replaced soon after half time by O'Shane but the youngster did little to enhance Blacktown's chances. John Davies, the live wire midfielder, is in dispute with the club and probably won't play.

The worst news, however, came from the Demons camp. Tony Rassmussen, that strong tackling fullback, is out for the rest of the year.

Looking at the injury list, Sutherland looks slightly better off, but it is certainly not sufficient to give the Sharks the edge and we are in for yet another four struggle with the winner probably being just one goal better.

**MELITA 1 (Gauchi 90th) MANLY WARRIANG 3** (McGrath 10th, Peter Vale 80th). Second Grade sudden death semi-final.

**MELITA:** Blanco, McCoy, Callinan, Falcon (Goalkeeper), Thomson, Johnston, Jamieson, Dean (Ormond), Gavin, Ross.

## NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

**MANLY:** Dower, Verdulo, Kelly, (Pisano), Russell (Jurgens), Spratt, Jones, Dick, Peter Vale, Paul Vale, Van Helden, McGrath.

Manly eliminated Melita Eagles in this Second Grade sudden death semi-final with controversy surrounding Manly's second goal as well as an unfortunate accident which sent Manly's Ken Russell to hospital.

With Melita looking fairly strong and attacking Downers' goal, Paul Vale broke through to score from what seemed to be offside. However, the goal was allowed and it certainly broke the spirit of Melita Eagles. Peter Vale added another for Manly with 10 minutes to go and Gauchi pulled one back for Melita in the dying seconds of this match.

Tony McGrath had the scoring after 10 minutes.

**MELITA 2 (Gregson 49th, Baz 75th) SUTHERLAND 0.** Third Grade sudden death semi-final.

## Polonia v. Croatia

By Meno Toutsidis



Polonia's Steve Papadopoulos - joining West Adelaide next year?

Polonia and Croatia will fight out the South Australian Coca-Cola Top Four Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

Polonia ended Beograd's dreams of a League, Federation Cup and Coca-Cola Cup treble with a fine 2-0 win, while Croatia edged past Para Hills 2-1 in the other semi-final.

Polonia grabbed a 20th minute goal against Beograd with a 30-metre rocket from full back Ian Di Bartolo and made certain of its appearance in the final when Steve Papadopoulos headed in the second 12 minutes from the end.

Papadopoulos, a young powerful free-scoring striker, is one of two Polonia players West Adelaide is keen to snap up next year for the NSL.

The other is John Kritikos, who began his career with Hellas, but then moved to Polonia after a brief and unsuccessful stint in the NSL.

He has played in Greece for the past three seasons and returned to Adelaide earlier this month.

Meanwhile, Steve Caggiano scored with two minutes left to give Croatia a 2-1 win over Para Hills, to repeat the score-line of the last league matching meeting.

Peter Bluge opened the scoring in the 15th minute, but Peter Gardiner equalised 12 minutes later.

## VICTORIA

VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

W D L F A P

Melb Croatia 18 4 3 78 24 35

Geelong 16 4 5 57 38 36

Ruswarr 14 7 5 52 42 40

Geelong 14 5 7 53 28 33

Somerville 11 7 8 49 48 29

St Albans 12 5 9 51 35 33

Fewster 11 5 9 37 45 27

Box Hill 9 7 10 60 41 27

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after extra time (to be replayed next Saturday)

SECOND GRADE: Manly 3 d Melita 1

THIRD GRADE: Melita 2 d Sutherland 0

OVERSEAS

ITALY

Avalonia 2, Udinese 1, Catania 1, Sampdoria 1

Forlino 2, Ascoli 1, Genoa 0, Lazio 0, Inter 0

Torino 0, Juventus 2, Napoli 0, Roma 3, Milan 1

Verona 2, Pisa 0

STANDINGS

Roma 3 0 0 7 2 9

Juventus 2 1 0 9 5 5

Udinese 2 0 1 9 3 4

Forlino 2 0 1 7 4 2

Avalonia 2 0 1 7 4 2

Verona 2 0 1 6 4 2

YUGOSLAVIA

Dinamo Belgrade 3, Radnicki 1, Dinamo Zagreb 1

2, Velez Mostar 0, Sloboda 0, Red Star 0

Belgrade 3, Zvezdara 1, Partizan 1, Red Star 0

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# BORAL BRICKS

Doug Brown of South Melbourne Hellas joined Marshall Soper (Olympic) at the top of the NSL goalscorers' list, by scoring against West Adelaide last week.

Brown and Soper have 13 goals each — one more than John Kosmina (Sydney Hakoah) and John Bradley (APIA).

Boral Bricks will present a \$1000 cheque to the top scorer in the NSL. In case of a tie, penalty goals will be deducted, and if there still is a tie, Cup goals will count.

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) meanwhile increased his lead in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Second-placed Charlie Yanios (Heidelberg) did not play last Sunday, while O'Connor gained two votes for his performance against Sydney Olympic. He leads Yanios by

four votes, with Alan Davidson (SM-Hellas) a further five points behind in third place.

David Ratcliffe (St George), John Bradley (APIA) and Tommy Sermani (Marconi) are others among the leaders

who strengthened their positions.

This week's votes: FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Barton) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

## BORAL BRICKS

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# CAN MAKEDONIA FIGHT BACK?

After leading the league for almost the entire season, Makedonia now finds itself in second position, behind Sydney Hakoah, after its third loss in as many weeks.

Makedonia gets possibly its last chance at glory when it meets Heidelberg-Alexander at the Olympic Village on Sunday.

A victory could put Makedonia back on top of the ladder, as Hakoah has a tough match against Marconi and could drop at least a point.

Marconi should field a much stronger team than it did against Brisbane City last Sunday, for Vic Bozanic returns after suspension, and Steve Calderon also may be back after injury, enabling Tommy McCulloch to move from left back to midfield where he is most effective.

But Makedonia will field a weaker team than the one that lost 0-3 to Hakoah last Sunday.

Gordon Flavell, charged with having punched Marshall Soper two weeks ago, faces suspension, and George Campbell is off on a holiday to Scotland. What's more, Gary Ward will miss the rest of the season as his leg fracture has not healed as quickly as he had hoped.

Flavell's case was to have been heard last week, but it was delayed.

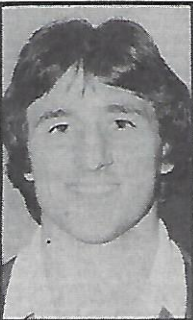
Now coach Peter Ollerton probably will have to call on Isaac Farrell and Alex Livingstone, to make up the numbers against Alexander.

A possible line-up is: Wilson — Opsinis, Ollerton, Jones, Petrovski, Ilioski, McMillan, Odzakov, Farrell — Livingstone, Lucchesi.

St Colikos joined the senior squad for training recently and I suppose he too could come into calculations. In addition, George Todorovski may be back soon after injury.

But according to Alexander coach Sam Gouloupoulos,

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Charlie Yankos — back for the big one.

always outspoken before big games, his club will win this one.

"The fans are fired up, the team is playing its best soccer of the year, and we won't stop our momentum against Makedonia, mark my words," he said.

Charlie Yankos returns to the defence after suspension, pushing Jim Tansey to his usual left back position. Scott Patterson came into the team for the 4-2 victory against Adelaide Juventus last week, and showed a lot of improvement, but he may drop out again to make room for Yankos.

The victory was Alexander's first away win of the season, and its first away win against Adelaide Juventus in seven years.

Midfielders Theo Selemidis, Jim Campbell and Mike Valentine played exceptionally well, but an Ilioski-McMillan-Odzakov-Farrell combination would provide some powerful opposition.

Ollerton is hoping for the best. "We're playing without

confidence at the moment, but if we pick up three points against Heidelberg, it could change the team's attitude. Winning becomes a habit, and so does losing," he said.

Psychologically, Alexander will have a big advantage: will unbeaten in four games under player-coach Tansey, while Makedonia has lost three in a row. There's nothing at stake for Alexander, so its players won't be as tense and as nervous as the Makedonia men, who know that the title will be beyond them if they lose again.

Sydney Hakoah meanwhile, may be strengthened by the return of utility player Ian Souness against Marconi. He was out injured last week.

At least four players will miss the next round due to suspension. They are Steve Pollard and Jim McBreen of Wollongong, Peter Butler of APIA and Ian Gibson of Canberra. All were sent off last Sunday.

Canberra however, has the consolation of having George Christopoulos back in the team. He has missed most of the season due to injuries.

Having beaten APIA last Sunday — an unexpected result — Canberra should follow up by adding the scalps of the Brisbane Lions, whom they skinned 6-1 earlier this year.

Butler will be hard to replace in the APIA team, and coach Fil Bottalico continues to hope that Peter Sharpe will find form. But I expect APIA to hold St George to a draw on Friday night, even though Paul Wilkinson probably will return to the St George attack, having missed last week's game due to injury.

Brisbane City looks like selling three of its stars — Frank Pimblett, Billy Williamson and Bobby Hamilton — and don't be surprised to see at least one of them moving to Footscray J.U.S.T. if Bobby McLachlan stays on as coach. McLachlan says however, he's undecided about his future.

Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston, in dropping Pimblett, Williamson and Hamilton for last week's game against Marconi, said: "These players have so much skill to offer but they are giving so little. I want a team with enthusiasm and verve. We will do better with Gary Bromfield, Angelo Falco and John Kowtan."

About Pimblett, the team captain, Hermiston said: "After seven years Frank needs a change of club."

So it looks like Hermiston will continue his new youth policy against Adelaide Juventus in Adelaide on Sunday, and the Queenslanders look good enough to draw this one.

South Melbourne Hellas, only three points behind league leader Hakoah, should strengthen its position further by beating Sydney Olympic in Sydney.

Doug Brown, Charlie Egan and Oscar Crino could have amassed at least six goals between them against West Adelaide, and they're out to make amends. How well they remember that 3-0 victory over Olympic at Middle Park earlier in the season.

Jim Patikas has been starting for Olympic, but as a team, Olympic can't match the unity and flair of Hellas, which has been playing the best soccer in the league.

West Adelaide may have escaped a hiding last Sunday, but not so when it meets Footscray J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve this week.

Kyri Kyriakoulas returns to the J.U.S.T. team after injury, allowing Gary McDowell to push up into midfield where his strength and aggression should lift the rest of the team.

West coach Peter Kouzles has pledged himself to open, attacking soccer. But that approach gave the South Melbourne Hellas players an incredible amount of freedom last week, and it may have the same effect against J.U.S.T.

Newcastle, two points from league leadership, seems assured of victory against Wollongong, which does not have adequate replacements for Pollard and McBreen.

Newcastle easily could win the championship.

While everyone else talks about Hakoah, Makedonia, St George, the men of Newcastle have put together the best goal difference in the league — and with things as tight as they are at the top, the title will be decided on goal difference.

If Marconi and Heidelberg do damage to Hakoah and Makedonia respectively, Newcastle could find itself on top of the ladder on Sunday night.

## Morton coach, for just a day

Olympic came from behind to defeat Croatia-Glenorchy 3-1 in the first semi-final of the Tasmanian Cadbury League Final Four series at Grove Road on Friday night.

Croatia hired Ken Morton as its coach for the series, but, as it turned out, his tenure lasted for only a single match.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 25th minute when Hugs-lott nodded home Bacic's header following a corner. Sherman equalized five minutes later following an excellent build-up by Olympians and it was substitute Patinoti who put the Greek side in front in the 58th minute with a low shot into the far corner following Nichols' pass from the by-line.

Tommy Wright's goal in the final seconds emphasised the point that Olympia took just about every chance that was offered while Croatia was unable to do so.

Tonight's (Wednesday 28/9) second semi-final features Juventus-Pioneer, the Cadbury State League champion, and the runner-up, Rapid-West Point.

Juventus-Pioneer won the Statewide Cup on Sunday when it defeated Devonport 3-0 at South Hobart. The game also counted as the State Championship as both teams had agreed not to play for this honour on a home-and-away basis.

— WALTER PLESS

6. McDowell (JUST), 5. M. O'Shea (St.G.), 4. Curovic (JUST), 3. Tunali (JUST), 2. Barton (St. G.), 1. Ratcliffe (St.G.)

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Mullen, Villani) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 4 (Macloed, Valentine, Campbell, Lea) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 1200. Votes by Meno Toutsidis: 6. Tansey (H), 5. Campbell (H), 4. Melia (AC), 3. Selemdis (H), 2. Lea (H), 1. Villani (AC).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Middle Park. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Peter Deslars: 6. Egan (SM), 5. Murphy (SM), 4. Sproul (WA), 3. Davidson (SM), 2. Crino (SM), 1. Halford (SM).

CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (T. Byrne) APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1280. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6. Byrne (C), 5. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Murray (C), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. Christopoulos (C), 1. Farina (C).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Niven) NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 2 (Senkalski 2) at Richmond. Crowd about 200. Votes by Ricky Rosso: 6. Burke (N), 5. Anderson (BL), 4. Niven (BL), 3. Senkalski (N), 2. Mountford (N), 1. R. Stewart (BL).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Patikas) WOLLONGONG 3 (WHIS 2 incl pen, O'Connor) at St George Stadium. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Phillip Micallef: 6. Patikas (SO), 5. Dunleavy (W), 4. Coady (SO), 3. Jennings (SO), 2. O'Connor (W), 1. Cotton (W).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina, O'Connor, Boden) BRISBANE FAIRFIELD 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 2100. Votes by Peter Scott: 6. Barnes, 5. O'Connor, 4. Robertson, 3. Pezzano, 2. Kosmina, 1. Murray (all Hak.)

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd about 1900. Votes by Alex Vesic: 6. James (M), 5. Wishart (BC), 4. Henderson (M), 3. Sermani (M), 2. Perry (BCV), 1. Tokesi (BC).

Leaders: 72. P. O'Connor (W), 68. Yankos (H), 63. Davidson (SM), 57. Odzakov (Mak), Banfield (AC), 56. Ratcliffe (St.G.), 55. Bradley (APIA), 53. Sermani (M), Wright (BL), 52. Heys (WA), 50. Bryant (C), Henderson (M), Burns (N), 49. Jones (Mak), 48. Lowe (N), 47. P. Tredinnick (APIA), 46. Greedy (St.G.), 45. Skeen (St.G.), Kyriakoulas (JUST).

## National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets:

		HOME					AWAY					Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1.	(2) Sydney City Hakoah	9	4	0	24	6	4	4	5	15	20	39.26
2.	(1) Preston Makedonia	9	2	2	27	12	4	5	4	14	15	41.27
3.	(3) Newcastle KB United	6	4	3	18	7	7	2	4	22	13	40.20
4.	(4) St George Budapest	6	5	1	17	8	6	4	4	20	15	37.23
5.	(5) South Melbourne Hellas	7	3	4	20	17	6	2	4	18	16	38.33
6.	(7) Sydney Olympic	6	3	5	22	17	5	2	5	13	12	35.29
7.	(6) APIA-Leichhardt	9	2	2	26	9	2	2	9	13	21	39.30
8.	(8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	4	3	23	17	3	5	5	15	16	38.33
9.	(9) Brisbane City	4	5	4	19	20	4	4	5	12	19	31.39
10.	(12) Canberra Arrows	7	3	3	25	13	2	2	9	14	30	39.43
11.	(10) Footscray JUST	5	4	4	14	19	3	4	6	17	17	21.36
12.	(11) Heidelberg-Alexander	6	2	4	16	12	1	8	5	11	21	27.33
13.	(11) Adelaide City Juventus	5	3	6	16	17	3	3	7	15	19	31.30
14.	(14) West Adelaide Hellas	4	6	4	15	17	1	6	5	6	14	21.31
15.	(15) Wollongong	1	9	3	16	17	2	4	8	20	33	36.52
16.	(16) Brisbane Lions	5	2	6	22	21	0	4	9	9	33	31.54

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THE GARUDA CUP BALI — 1 to 14 NOVEMBER, 1984.

Held for the first time in 1983 with 1 team from W.A., 1 from N.T. and 1 from Victoria against the 3 best district teams of Bali — Indonesia. Now an annual event with package costs from Sydney and Melbourne \$850. Darwin \$660 and Perth \$660. This package is for 2 weeks and includes 2 meals daily.

### WOMEN

THE NEW CALEDONIA SOUTH PACIFIC CUP — 4 to 11 OCTOBER, 1984.

The third year of this tournament. In 1982 there was 1 team from N.S.W. in 1983, 3 from N.S.W. and 2 from Victoria. In its third year teams are expected from Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia. Package costs from Sydney \$550. Brisbane \$550. Direct flights from Melbourne to Noumea are expected to be operating in 1984 with costs only slightly higher than Sydney.

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## NSL team of the week

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BARNES (1) (SC-Hakoah)	T. BYRNE (2) (Canberra)	MURPHY (5) (SM-Hellas)		
PATIKAS (2) (Adel. Hellas)	EGAN (2) (SM-Hellas)	ANDERSON (1) (Adel. Hellas)		

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# Danaskos swings it

**Foots JUST 0  
St George 1**

Scorer: Barton 85th.  
Venue: Schindler Reserve.  
Crowd about 2500.  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 6.  
Footscray J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Curovic 8, McDowell 9, (inj. sub. Simic 72nd), Tutill 8, Hazabent 7 — Taylor 6, Belic 6, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 6, Paton 6, Lujic 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

St. George Budapest: Greedy 6 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 9, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 7 — Slater 7 (inj. sub Danaskos 85th), Petkovski 7, Marton 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

Titanic performances by opposing stoppers Gary McDowell and Mike O'Shea highlighted this entertaining game, won by St. George Budapest thanks to a freak series of events late in the second half.

Forward Robbie Slater started limping in the 70th minute and was replaced by young Tommy Danaskos, who had been included in the squad due to the absence of Paul Wilkinson, who had an injured back.

Danaskos, a powerfully-built player of enormous potential, contested a high ball with McDowell two minutes after coming on. Their heads clashed, and a nasty gash opened just above McDowell's eye, forcing him to leave the field.

McDowell had been the outstanding player of the match, and J.U.S.T. certainly couldn't afford to lose him. Vlatko Belic was the natural choice as stand-in centre back. Joe Carroll retreated into Belic's midfield position and Paul Simic came on as a forward.

Danaskos made his presence felt again in the 85th minute, when he ran unchallenged to the right side of the penalty area and cut the ball square to Mark Barton who hooked a

## Laurie Schwab

first-time shot past Dennis Boland for the winning goal.

J.U.S.T. was left to contemplate what might have been had it capitalised on its opportunities in the first half.

J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan had worked hard all week on ways to beat St. George's offside trap, and the practice almost paid off. The St. George defence, moving out en masse, found itself beaten three or four times in the first half, but J.U.S.T. failed to turn its good work into goals.

St. George boss Frank Arok must have told his men to forget the offside ploy, because they didn't resort to it in the second half. Saints had the better of mid-field play, but it may have been different had McDowell played in midfield instead of having to take the defensive job of Kyri Kyriakoulas who was out with a hamstring injury.

Brian O'Donnell played well enough, but in general, there was virtually no link between the midfield and the forwards.

In contrast, Mark Barton and Peter Stone linked up with their forwards all the time. Saints goalscorer ace Dez Marton was beaten by Suleiman Curovic who had a fine game, so as is his custom, Marton retreated to the mid-field later in the game, where he saw more of the ball.

Saints should have been awarded a penalty when Igor Hazabent grabbed hold of Peter Petkovski who was trying to turn past him for a shot.



J.U.S.T. captain Igor Hazabent is perilously close to being kicked in the face by Dez Marton as he heads clear. Pictures by LES SHOR-ROCK.

# It should have been a killing

**SM-Hellas 1  
W. Ad. Hellas 0**

Scorer: Brown 27m  
Ground: Middle Park  
Attendance: 4000  
Referee: S. Zoumas 8.

SM-HELLAS: Laumets 8; Russell 7, Blair 7, Ysendoorn 7, Davidson 8; Murphy 9, Crino 8, Halford 8; Brown 7, Egan 9, Wooddin 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8; Papazoglou 7, Dunn 6, Hiern 7; Doorne 6, Atsalas 5, Amey 6, McGregor 5 (Kontopoulos 76m); Hays 6, Brown 6, Haneyman 7. Coach: Peter Kouliouzis.

South Melbourne Hellas fans may still be shaking their heads in disbelief after watching the most incredible display of attacking soccer producing only one goal in a match which could easily have gone into double figures.

South players were practically queuing up for pops at goal against a three-man defence and a goalkeeper rendered immobile by an injury after only 26 minutes.

The 'keeper, Gary Sproul, ricked his back pulling off a miraculous save from Oscar Crino who had connected perfectly with a cross from the left by Ken Murphy.

He was beaten within the minute when Charlie Egan got to the byline, crossed into the box. Brenton Hiern could only half clear the ball as far as Carl Halford, the midfielder passed Doug Brown and the striker hammered home his 12th goal of the season from inside the box.

But despite limping badly and unable to stretch fully, Sproul managed to keep his goal intact from then on with a couple of good saves and helped by a myriad of misses by the South players.

Here is how the procession of openings went:

Crino's shot on the turn goes narrowly wide; Sproul cuts out a good cross from Alan Davidson; Wooddin robs Hiern outside the box but has his shot blocked after dallying too long, another Crino shot on the turn saved; Murphy shoots over the bar from an ideal position; John Ysendoorn's header is turned away for a corner; Wooddin shoots weakly after breaking clear down the left; Carl Halford ghosts past the 'keeper and cuts the ball back from the byline but Brown fails to connect with a driving header.

And there was more. Brown runs onto Wooddin's through ball and his shot beats the 'keeper but goes into the



Peter Desira

side netting. Brown puts Ysendoorn through down the centre but the sweeper miskicks; Egan robs Graeme Honeyman and dashes into the area but fullback John Papazoglou manages to get a slight touch to put Egan off the final shot; Murphy and Egan combine in a move which ends with Murphy breaking clear but shooting straight at the 'keeper, and Brown robs Bill Amey but shoots wide.

Throughout all this, new West Adelaide coach Peter Kouliouzis amazingly kept a three-man backline with a midfield of four and the flank midfielders supposedly coming back to help.

At the other end Peter Laumets did not have a serious shot to save.

Then, after soaking up 75 minutes of pressure, the inevitable breakthrough happened and Laumets had to be at his sharpest as Honeyman pounced on a cross to volley goalwards what could well have been an equaliser.

Honeyman had another chance five minutes from the end but shot wide this time.

"That was an even better chance for us but I suppose it would have been an injustice if we had managed a draw," admitted Kouliouzis after the match.

South coach Len McKendry was far from disappointed despite the missed chances and called the performance "the best we've played all year."

"We just couldn't put the ball away but we played brilliantly. I was pleased both with the win and the performance. It's frustrating that we didn't win by more goals but no one can complain about the quality."

"The way I look at a game is the result first, how we play second, and then how many we win by."

McKendry refuses to speculate on South's chances for clinching the title now that there are only three points between it and the leaders.

"That is the wrong way to look at it. All I'm thinking about is the next game this coming Sunday at Olympic," he said.

# Down 0-2, but Tansey's men storm home 4-2

**Adel. City 2  
Heidelberg 4**

Goals: Heidelberg — Macleod 30th, Valentine 57th, Campbell 73rd, Lee 76th; Adel — Mullen 20th, Villani 26th. Crowd: 1200.  
Ground: Olympic Sports Field  
Referee: Jim Rossis 8.

Adelaide City Juventus: McNally 5 — Dods 6, Banfield 7, Flounders 6, B. Nyakohus 7 — Maier 7, Carter 6, Blair 7 — Rankin 6, Villani 7, Mullen 7.

Heidelberg Alexander: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Tansey 8, Macleod 7, Spanos 7, Campbell 8, Solomidis 8, Valentine 7 — Cole 6, Lee 8, Petterson 6.

Caretaker coach Jim Tansey must have thought it was going to be one of those days when Heidelberg Alexander fell 0-2 behind Adelaide Juventus after just 26 minutes.

Not even he could have predicted, surely, that Heidelberg would ram in four goals — three in the second half — to give his team its first win over Juve in Adelaide.

Heidelberg's spirited win eased the pain of that 2-3 loss on the same ground on the final day of the 1982 season when Juventus scored twice in the last five minutes to lift itself out of the relegation zone.

However, despite the flurry of goals, this was hardly a soccer classic.

There were few subtle moments and it seemed most of the men on view had graduated from the same kick-and-run soccer academy.



Meno Tousidis

It was untidy, frustrating and uninspiring.

The match perfectly underlined what the game's most astute observers have been saying all along: that it will take more than goals to get the crowds back.

But still, Tansey hardly would be concerned about the aesthetic state of the game. He got three points and Heidelberg is still undefeated under him.

Juventus looked all class early and scored the best goal of the match in the 20th minute when Joe Mullen volleyed superbly from 25 metres.

Charlie Villani added the second six minutes later when he latched on to a through ball and fired a low ground shot past the advancing Jeff Oliver.

That should have been the end of Heidelberg, but Don Macleod revived his team with a headed goal in the 30th minute.

Juventus still led 2-1 at half time, but coach Bobby Ferguson must have been concerned by the fact that in the last 15 minutes, Heidelberg was allowed three or four times to get into good scoring positions.

And of equal concern was that goalkeeper Willie

McNally looked extremely uncomfortable in dealing with some of the unspectacular shots which were fired at him.

It took Heidelberg only 12 minutes of the second half to equalise when Mike Valentine drove a shot undernet McNally.

Jim Campbell made it 3-2 in the 73rd minute with a 15-metre drive and Derek Lea added the fourth in the 76th minute — a nightmare goal which suitably ended a nightmare.

Gary Cole, sadly out of touch, miskicked, but McNally made a mess of it and allowed the ball to spin out of his hands and into the path of Lea who stroked it into an open goal from two metres.



Tommy Danaskos



Mark Barton — jubilant!

# ALAN HUNTER TRIED AS STRIKER

**Newcastle 2  
Brisb. Lions 1**

Scorers: Newcastle: Senkalski (20th and 45th), BL: Niven, 57th, Pen. Venue: Richlands.  
Crowd: about 200.  
Referee: Bill Monteavre 6.

Cautions: Burke (64th).  
Lions: Beves 6, McKinnon 7, Vasquez 7, Hunter 8, Niven 8, Hogg 6, Vincent 8, R. Stewart 8, J. Stewart 6 (McClurg 76th), Wright 7, Anderson 8.

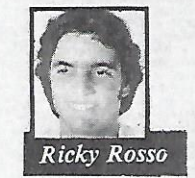
Newcastle: Gosling 7, Maier 6, Burke 8, Watson 7, Trudnick 7, Senkalski 8, Mason 7, Jones 6, Lee 6, Lowe 6, Mountford 8.

Brisbane Lions stopper Alan Hunter was switched to striker in the second half as Lions attempted to grab an equaliser against Newcastle at Richlands.

Although the move gave the midfielder someone to aim for, it failed to produce the much needed goal and the young Lions slumped to yet another loss which left them firmly stranded at the bottom of the table.

Lions coach Simon Kistemaker was forced to reshuffle his team after an injury to normal front-runner Calvin Daunt and elected early on to play Russell Stewart as an attacking midfielder for striker Danny Wright to play off.

But with big Newcastle defender Peter Burke winning everything above shoulder height, neither Wright nor Stewart, or the even shorter Clarke Anderson, who was playing on the wing, made any headway.



Ricky Rosso

Kistemaker made the switch in the second half just before taking off John Stewart who had his worst game to date for Lions. Substitute Peter McClurg went into the defence.

If Lions were going to win a match between now and the end of the season, it should

have been this one.

Newcastle, with David Lowe carrying an injury, had little to offer up front and their defence had trouble coping with the pace of Anderson and Wright.

Anderson began on the right where Howard Trudnick matched the winger's speed. However in the second half, Anderson switched wings and literally ran circles around Ralph Maier.

Many times the Brisbane youngster simply outpaced the young Socceroo and got to the byline. But his crosses, with no-one left to aim for, were easy work for Burke to head away.

Joe Senkalski put Newcastle into the lead. He received the

ball about 25m out. He dummied, then turned John Stewart before playing a superb curling shot to the top left hand corner. Lions keeper Brett Beves, who minutes earlier had saved a fiery shot from Maier, had no chance.

Senkalski netted Newcastle's second in the final minute of the half but he was presented with it on a silver platter.

From a free kick just outside the penalty box, the former Socceroo was able to easily slot the ball into the far side of the goal but he was the badly-positioned Beves.

Hunter won a penalty 12 minutes into the session after he was pushed in the back and Alan Niven slotted it away.

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# Club name changes 'driving fans away'



Sam Manenti  
(Juventus)

Dimech, like Basic, fears that all the media would adhere to the names in the official fixtures, meaning the traditional names eventually would die.

Croatia and Melita Eagles are sure to discuss possible pressure on the ASF before they meet in the second NSW semi-final at Marconi Stadium on October 3.

Juventus (Vic) reluctantly adopted a "Brunswick Utd" prefix a few years ago, when the VSF tried to be as dictatorial about club names as the ASF. However, nobody calls Juventus Brunswick: certainly none of the newspapers, so it doesn't worry the club as much as it may next year in the NSL.

"The ASF should leave clubs alone. Let them call themselves whatever they wish," says Juventus president Sam Manenti.

"The ASF is trying to chop off people's traditions with the stroke of a pen."

"If clubs see fit to use ethnic names, then why not?"

"Why try to change a club's identity and risk losing its traditional support?"

"If Juventus were referred to as Brunswick all the time, there is nothing surer than that we'd lose our identity and our spectators."

"If we get into the National League, we want everyone to call us Juventus."

"We live in a multicultural society, whose govern-

ment has put a lot of money into establishing Channel 0/28, and ethnic radio.

"The anglicising of soccer club names has failed dismally over the years. Instead of encouraging support from the districts whose names we adopted, we now have less support than we've ever had."

"Let's do something to get the Italians and the Greeks back. We used to have 20,000 of them at big games."

"I was born here, but I'm proud of my Italian heritage, and I encourage my children to be proud of it too."

"Sir Arthur George, the ASF president, may have found it suitable to change his own name, but that's no reason for the ASF to force everyone to do it."

"We'd be prepared to stand up and fight this thing all the way."

Manenti pointed out that Juventus meant "youth." He asked how it was possible for Marconi (an Italian inventor) to play under that name, when names like Juventus and Melita Eagles are required to be superseded by district names.

The new policy of names was the result of a vote at a recent ASF meeting. First the meeting decided not to endorse the previous ASF policy which prohibited totally the use of ethnic club names in the NSL.

Sam Papisavas then moved that ethnic club names should be allowed, and it appeared that the motion was carried, until one of the two Victorian delegates, John Dimtsis, proposed an amendment — that district names be used for "official" purposes — fixtures, ladders etc — and ethnic names should be permitted for "unofficial" purposes.

The Victorian vote was, in fact, split, with Frank Burin — the other Victorian candidate — favoring a simple lifting of the prohibition on ethnic names. NSW voted for the present policy.

Papisavas believes there may be moves to reopen the matter.

"The reality is that the supporters of clubs are ethnic and that those supporters associate with ethnic names. By trying to shut our eyes to that reality, we are doing nothing to help bring people to the games," he said.

"Over the years, we went along with our commercial advisers who wanted us to change our image to attract sponsorship. However, the change in image has not given us sponsorship, nor has it given us attendances. And the commercial advisers now see nothing wrong with the correct names."

"It is also hypocritical of State administrators, through the ASF, to suppress ethnic names while they allow the use of them in their own State Leagues."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## THOMSON HEADS FOR TITLE No.4

### SC-Hakoah 3 Makedonia 0

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 2100.

Referee: Ronnie B.

Scorers: Kosmina 5th, O'Connor 10th, Boden 70th.

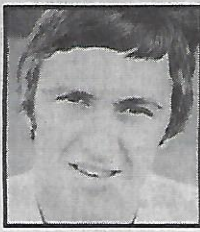
Cautions: Barnes (H) Flavell (M).

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:** Pozzano 9, Mullen 8, Robertson 9, O'Connor 9, Cant 8; Watson 8, Kay 8, Barnes 9; Murray 8, Boden 8, Kosmina 8.

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Wilson 2, Petrovski 4, Iliaki 4, Jones 3, Flavell 3; Odzakovic 4, McMillan 5, Ollerton 4; Lucchesi 4, Campbell 6, Opatinis 3.

Cautious by nature, Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson allowed himself the luxury of agreeing with the opinion that "Yes, we are now closer to winning our fourth title in a row."

Eddie might be modest by nature, but if his boys in blue continue to reproduce the superb stuff of the past two weeks, then Hakoah is a shoo-in for the 1983 NSL championship. One could be forgiven for assuming that a superbly successful outfit such as this would be safeguarded by its "owner," the Hakoah Club, as strictly as the crown jewels.



Eddie Thomson

Strangely, it isn't so, according to Thomson.

"My contract lasts from year to year and the arrangements of several of the boys also expire with the end of this season."

"Myself, and I believe all the players, want to stay with Hakoah and I've tried to hold discussions with the club for several weeks, with no luck to date."

"Now that next year's NSL format is finalised, maybe these matters can be seen to," Thomson said.

The Hakoah players due for renegotiation of their contracts are believed to include Joe Watson, Alex Robertson and at least three others.

And, of course, Thomson is on the verge of becoming the most successful coach ever in Australian soccer.

That he managed to pull together into a cohesive and devastating unit a bunch of players demoralised by uncertainty about the club's future and pronounced superfluous by the Hakoah leadership to their future plans, speaks volumes about the man and his abilities.

The players' response to him and to their faithful band of supporters was eloquently illustrated by the comprehensive annihilation of hapless Makedonia.

Far from looking like the side which had led the NSL almost from the start of the year, the Victorians were made to look like a team several divisions below their slick opponents.

The match was as good as over by the tenth minute, when first Barnes and Murray combined to set up Kosmina for a lovely goal from close range, and soon after muscular Steve O'Connor climbed higher than Wilson to head home a Watson corner kick.

Hakoah added only one more, but what a beauty it was.

Ken Boden's 25-metre rocket with 20 minutes left on the clock ranks high among "goal of the year" contenders.

But it could well have been three or four more, and not just because Hakoah was excellent, but also due to some incomprehensible tactics by Makedonia.



Peter Scott

Can you believe Zoran Iliiski playing sweeper, instead of creating and grafting in a shockingly ineffective midfield?

On Con Opatinis attempting to figure out what to do on the left wing, in between chasing shadows in the elusive shape of Joe Watson?

Man-to-man marking proved most ineffective on this occasion, especially as Watson and Paul Kay roamed all over the pitch, leaving their opponents befuddled, confused and, not too long into the game, visibly exhausted.

While the performances of Hakoah's players were, taken together, the best seen from a team this year, Makedonia hit the deepest of depths and must show drastic improvement if they are to stay in title contention.

Otherwise the NSL title could once again become a race between NSW clubs, although I would keep a wary eye on South Melbourne Hellas.

### Olympic 3 Wollongong 3

Venue: St George Stadium.

Crowd: Approx 4000.

Sent off: Pollard (W) 5th, McGreen (W) 71st.

Referee: Rampley 6.

Scorers: Patikas (2nd, 69th), Patalis (17th), O'Connor (24th), Willis (60th & 92nd).

**OLYMPIC:** Maier 6; Phillips 7, Coady 7, Dakos 7, Jennings 7; Patikas 8, Katholios 7, Ras-kopoulos 6; Patalis 7, Soper 5, Koussas 5.

**WOLLONGONG:** Preston 6; Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Ainsworth 6, Fleming 6; McGreen 6 (sent off 71st), Pollard 6 (sent off 57th), Gaffney 7, Dummatt 6; Cotton 7, O'Connor 7.

Wollongong fullback Steve Pollard was sent off by referee Peter Rampley for a late tackle on Marshall Soper and as he was walking towards the dressing rooms, he was pelted by Olympic fans.

Pollard suddenly jumped the fence and scuffled with two spectators, nearly causing a riot as several people invaded the pitch.

After repeated loudspeaker appeals for order, calm was restored and play resumed after a three-minute interval.

"I just lost my head when the fans threw all sorts of things at me," Pollard said.

"I'm very embarrassed over the whole incident but I could not stand the animal behavior from the fans."

Pollard said he may have been influenced by the growing tension in the game.

"Some of the Olympic players were getting away with murder," Pollard explained.

Wolves coach Willie Wallace said referee Rampley was not to blame for sending Pollard and later Jim McGreen off but he did slam Olympic's antics.

"Whenever we tried to play football they slaughtered us," Wallace said.

"And Soper should have been sent off for inciting the crowd."

The match started superbly for Olympic.

Jim Patikas put them ahead with a fierce rising shot after only two minutes and the Wolves were still struggling to find their feet when Terry Patalis connected with a near-post cross from Peter Katholios to head Olympic into a two-goal lead.



Philip Micallef

Wollongong came back into the game with a lucky goal when a cross by Phil O'Connor was missed by both McGreen and goalkeeper Maier and the ball rolled into the net.

Twelve minutes into the second half came Pollard's expulsion and after an unplanned

break of three minutes Peter Willis banged in a superb shot from a freekick just outside the area.

Wollongong battled bravely with a man short but their problems were increased when Patikas shot Olympic ahead with an unstoppable drive from 15 metres.

Two minutes later McGreen was sent off for allegedly stamping on an opponent's foot and Wollongong's fate appeared to be sealed.

But just before the end of this extraordinary match, Cotton was fouled by Jennings in the area and Willis slotted home the resultant penalty kick.

## WATCHING TV WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER

### Marconi 0 Bris City 0

Venue: Marconi Stadium.

Crowd: 1417.

Referee: Gary Power 7.

Yellow cards: Djordjevic, Falco.

**MARCONI:** Bruce 8; Djordjevic 8, Henderson 7, Budini 6, McCulloch 6; Jankovic 6, Carbone 5, Sermani 7; Brown 5 (Hunter 46' - 6), Winn 5, Licata 5.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart 8; Kowtan 6, Wilkinson 6, Caird (Chapman 21' 6), Perry 7, Tekasi 7, Bromfield 6, Fabrizio 6, Cairney 6, Glockner 5, Falco 6.

This game failed in all departments except one. At least it showed us how not to play soccer.

But both sides did come close to scoring, with James and Wishart denying what little came in the way of chances. Joe Cairney had James to beat in the 21st but some brave 'keeping foiled Brisbane City.

Six minutes later it was Rod Brown who faced Wishart but only managed to hit the side netting.

Seconds after the restart Steve Winn was on hand to receive what looked like the most telling pass of the match. All he had to do was stop the ball and plant it past Wishart, but alas, that turned out to be the most difficult of jobs, with the ball bouncing off the heel of Winn and into the arms of Wishart.

To pick the best player on the park was quite easy. Bruce James saved Marconi from embarrassment, saving two certain goals, while Wishart was sound at the other end.



Alex Vesic

Bruce James was at the feet of Angelo Falco in the 67th minute, and Winn missed a glaring opportunity some two minutes later.

With seconds remaining Marconi was in attack again. Sermani's cross was brilliantly headed by Jankovic to Carbone who left-footed towards goal. Winn only had to nudge it into the net but let the ball slip through his legs and past the post.

Had that shot gone in I would venture to suggest that City would have been robbed. No team deserves three points for winning in a game like this. In fact both sides should have had points deducted for this effort.

And all of this happened on a sunny September afternoon with the most ardent of supporters, some 1500, tearing themselves away from some good sport on TV to watch soccer.

## BUTLER, GIBSON SENT OFF

### Canberra 1 APIA 0

Scorer: T. Byrne.

Venue: Bruce Stadium.

Referee: Glyn Davies 8.

Red cards: Gibson and Butler.

Yellow card: Farina.

Crowd: 1,200.

**CANBERRA:** Hummel 7, Murray 8, Ambrosino 6, Byrne 9, Young 7, Gibson 8, Christopoulos 8, Bryant 7, Brennan 7, Farina 8, MacLaren 7.

**APIA-LEIGHARDT:** Parkes 8, Bottalico 6, Mariani 8, Bertagna 7, Brown 6, Tre-dinnick 8, Butler 8, Valeri 7, Bradley 8, Sharne 5 (Morson 60th).

Terry Butler and Ian Gibson were sent off as Canberra Arrows, total underdogs against APIA, outplayed the Sydney visitors and deserved their 1-0 victory under Bruce Stadium's floodlights on Saturday night.



Peter Windsor

It was Canberra's first win from its past six outings. Not since August 14 had they claimed maximum points.

And on Saturday the hero of the hour was midfielder Terry Byrne. It was Byrne who grabbed Canberra's winner after only 19 minutes and it was also Byrne who made three incredible clearances with the goalkeeper beaten in the second stanza.

APIA, hit by injuries, showed great creative flair in lead-up work but failed miserably near goal.

Their biggest dis-

appointment must have been Peter Sharne. The former Socceroo was contained by young full-back Jim Murray, so much so that Sharne was substituted in the 65th minute.

But this was an overall solid team performance by Canberra, this time better served by three front-runners, a positive midfield and the steady hand of George Christopoulos at the back.

Christopoulos made a solid return after missing most of the season with a severe leg injury.

The action began early and it was APIA that was presented with a chance when Byrne's clearance went straight to Walter Valeri.

The ex-Canberra star thumped the ball first-time with only Hummel to beat from 16 metres but placed the shot about a metre wide.

The 19th minute stands at the time for the winner. Canberra won a free kick on

the right, Gibson sent it across waist-high and after timing his run to perfection Byrne cracked the ball first-time into the net.

Full marks to APIA for quickly fighting back — and creating another solid goal-scoring chance in the 25th minute.

They forced a corner and when Hummel committed himself totally the ball ran free to Ian Gray who shot with fearsome power only to watch it hit the side netting.

Three minutes later APIA again should have scored when Terry Butler's superb ball found Sharne and after Hummel stumbled, Sharne nuffed a great chance by shooting wide.

The only thing marring the game was the dismissal, just 10 minutes from final, of Butler and Gibson for an off-the-ball incident that led to a punch-up. Referee Glyn Davies didn't hesitate in showing the red card.

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LAURIE SCHWAB	PETER DESIRA	BOB BRIAN	CRAIG MACKENZIE	LES SHORROCK	TIM WHITE
Juventus	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax
Croydon	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia



Ged Bannon (Juventus)

Paul Lewis (Ajax)

Tommy Cumming (Croatia)

Ian Dobson (Croydon)

## THE COACHES SPEAK OUT

**DAVID SMALLMAN (Ajax):** "We've never won everything in the one year — the league, Ampol, State League and Dockerty Cups — and that's what we're out to try and achieve this year. That's why we're going to give this everything we've got."

"And we'd like to shut a few mouths too. We've got a few things to prove. Joe Sigur (Croatia president) has been saying that his team's the best and John Margaritis (Juventus coach) even had the cheek to say earlier on that we wouldn't finish in the top four."

"The reason we're a good side is simple — we've got the best players. We don't give goals away. We fight hard to get the ball back and we score goals. No-one can do all three better than us."

"Paul Lewis has had an outstanding season. There's no doubt that he's a far better player now than he was last year. He now knows how to play with his back to goal. I'd guess that maybe 40 percent of his goals this year have come from him turning defender."

"Lou Denys is the best goalkeeper in the league. He's rarely called upon, and when he is, he doesn't let us down. Actually I think our back four, as a defensive unit, can be matched. Their understanding is great. It's mainly because of John Gardiner's work last year, Len McKendry's this year, and me and Jimmy (Williams) just carrying on that work. Steve Short's an extension of Gardiner really. A big thing with Steve is his ability to get forward well. That's important to us."

"Since Len's left, I've pushed up front. It's something we'd discussed for some time and it's worked well. We've got Bobby Toal out wide. When Bobby was with George Cross last year he was allowed to beat two or three players and when he

lost the ball everyone would say well done. Bobby, hard luck. We don't stand for that here. He's adapted his game well."

"Juventus seems quite organised defensively but they don't seem to play through midfield to me. They seem to just whack the ball up front from the back."

"I think we'll win because we're the better football team. We can adapt to different situations better than any side in the league and we've been able to win the big ones."

**JOHN MARGARITIS (Juventus):** "Yes, we can beat Ajax. We beat them in the first half of the season and we should have beaten them at their ground. We created most of the scoring chances in that game but made the stupid mistake of not marking Paul Lewis closely and paid the penalty."

"If Paul Lewis played with us, I predict that we would have won the league this year by almost 10 points. That's how important he is to Ajax."

"Ajax has done well to win I give them that. But they are not the best team. I think that Croatia is a better team and to be honest I think that Ajax had a lot of luck in winning the title. Don't get me wrong. I say Ajax is a good team but I still say that Croatia is better."

"Ajax is far too predictable and without Paul Lewis they wouldn't even beat lesser State League teams. My team combines better. We don't have any stars. Everyone contributes. We have team work, a great spirit and we are well organised. No Ajax certainly isn't better than us. We've created more opportunities than them this year but we just haven't taken them."

"That Peter Lewis, their right back, has a big mouth. He's a very good player and I respect him for that but he

has to learn to concentrate on playing with his feet, not his mouth."

"We beat them earlier in the season and we can do it again."

**JOHN GARDINER (Croatia):** "We've got as good a chance as anyone of winning the State League Cup. I know that we dropped points to Green Gully, Juventus and Croydon this year but by no means were they better teams. Given the bit of luck that you always need, we can do it."

"First of all, you've got to get yourself into a position to be able to compete in the State League Cup. That's been achieved. There are no second chances in cup matches and you have to be prepared to go out, go forward, and take a few chances. And ever since this year's Ampol Cup, we've attacked teams. We're not about to change now."

"Our biggest asset is our ability to create scoring chances. We create more chances than any other team in State League but our finishing leaves a bit to be desired. We've worked on that as well as working on getting the ball to our front men but it's not easy to coach good finishing. Often, whether a player finishes well or not, involves a split second decision on his part and at training you don't get the sort of pressure a player will be subjected to during a match."

"Croydon's recent results suggest that they are getting a bit of consistency into their game and they're a bit more stable. They used to get a good result then throw it away the following week."

"It looks to me that they play off the cuff. They've got good individuals but I think that we are the more disciplined side within our organisation."

"If Croydon is good enough to win the ball and push us back, making us defend, then good luck to them. But I don't think they can."

**TED DILWORTH (Croydon):** "Player for player we're as good a team as any. We've got experience, we've got youth, we've got ability. We're every bit as good as the other three teams."

"Success in the State League Cup means a lot to Croydon. We've put together

the most experienced squad in the club's history and we've got every chance of winning this cup. We've put in a lot of work this year and we're not about to toss it away now."

"Out of the games we've had this year against Green Gully, Juventus and Croatia, only Juventus beat us convincingly. We played 180 minutes of football against Gully and they only scored once. The same thing happened against Croatia. It's a bit unfortunate that we never finished the league with the number of points we were capable of gaining. We let too many silly goals in earlier in the season."

"I've got a lot of respect for Johnny Gardiner. He's a very shrewd man. The last time we played Croatia, up at Croydon, he loaded one side of the park to get players away on the other side. And he had his goalkeeper, Peter Blasby, dropping the ball in short to Dave Brogan rather than pumping it high up into the air, which would have suited Ian Dobson."

"We've certainly got the quality to beat them. Players like Jimmy Rooney and Gus Macleod are able to quickly assess what's going on and can alter things out on the park. Early on we had a bit of a problem with Macleod and Joe Sweeney. They both were trying to set each other up for goals, but that's been changed. Now one of them plays off the other."

"I want to see us get the ball wide and play it early into their area. I know that Sean Parton is good in the air but so are Macleod and Sweeney."

"I think we're going to surprise quite a few people in the State League Cup."

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The big two of State League — Green Gully Ajax and Melbourne Croatia — should win final berths in the 1983 State League Cup by accounting for Juventus and Croydon respectively when the top four series kicks off this Sunday at Olympic Park.

League champion, Ajax, however, faces probably its toughest assignment of the season when it clashes with Juventus in the second of Sunday's double header.

Juve's inability to win the championship this year was due to its failure to account for lesser State League lights. Take a look at all games played between Ajax, Croatia and Juventus this season. Juventus beat Croatia twice, beat Ajax once and lost once. Surprisingly, Croatia took just one point from a possible eight against Ajax and Juventus. A table of these clashes reads as follows:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	33	0	1	7	6	6
Ajax	2	1	5	3	5	1
Croatia	0	1	2	4	7	1

These statistics then, stamp Italian-backed Juventus as the State League Cup dark horse and there's no doubt that its clash with Ajax will be a competition highlight.

Juventus has as much depth as any State League club. Our likely line-up excludes good players in Jim Nelson and

By Craig MacKenzie

Kevin Swinscoe but remember, as we went to press we only were able to guess at the starting line-up coach John Margaritis may settle upon.

Margaritis and assistant coach Paddy Bannon have many positional permutations open to them. It seems doubtful though that versatile Billy Rogers will be available as he still is recovering from an infected leg. An injury cloud also hangs over Andrew Zinni's head. He's battling to overcome a shoulder injury and if he fails, then Nelson probably will link up with Graham French up front.

Margaritis was hoping to have Fabio Incantalupo fit and ready for battle. The Socceroo youth team star came out of hospital on Monday after an operation on the finger.

The last time Ajax and Juventus clashed, at Green Gully Reserve last month, the match threatened to boil over into a real slugging affair. An off-the-ball incident involving Stuart Cannell and Incantalupo went unchecked by the referee, despite a linesman being in full view as both players traded punches with Incantalupo chasing the Ajax stopper for at least 30 metres.

Incantalupo can handle the rough stuff but can another Juve youngster, striker Zinni?

Zinni's potential is enormous, his pace and ball skills are outstanding, but he's still a teenager and Cannell and Peter Lewis play the game hard, and don't take pity on any foe. And should this game, as expected, be a bruising battle, then young Zinni may not be seen at his best.

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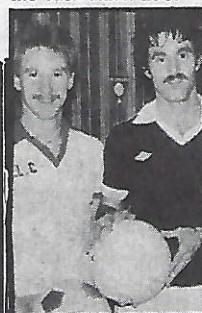
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Tommy CUMMING	David BROGAN			

## Juventus takes title in Tassie

Soccer Action reporter Walter Pless speaks to players and coach about Juventus winning the Tasmanian title:



Parry Foster (left) of Olympia and Ian Parker of Caladonians — joint league top scorers with 18.

**JOHN CHARLTON:** "I'm very pleased for the boys. We worked hard, but, most of all, I'm pleased for Peter Brine because he's not going to be with us next year and he really deserves this win."

**What of your own future?** "I'm going to return to England for a while and I don't know what I'll do when I return here. If Peter Brine coaches, I'd certainly follow him to whichever club he's at."

**PETER BRINE:** "We played a lot better last year. This year we've been up and down a bit, not really putting it together as much as we'd have liked to. I think the hard work the boys and I have put in has come to a head."

**Who would you pick as your best players?** "Charlton in the central defence was inspiring... big Nick Di Martino did everything I asked of him... Nick Lapolla... everyone put it in. I couldn't really pick a best player."

**What about your future plans?** "Well, if I get residency, I'll probably take a year off next year. I don't know exactly what I'll do. But, with work commitments and everything, it's getting a bit hard now, so I just don't know."



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# ROATIA NAL?

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Blasby within a handful of seconds late in the second half. They were the most deci- sive moments of a disappointing spectacle and Croydon more than matched its well fancied opponent.

Since that match Croydon has reshuff- led its defensive line-up with Scottish import Steve Marley securing a regular berth as sweeper, behind one of the out- standing stoppers in the league, Ian Dob- son.

And when you talk about depth, take a look at the large Croydon squad. Our likely line-up doesn't include Ian Loughane, Terry Nolan, Steve McCombe or Micky Ed- wards.

Croatia too is a changed team since that 0-0 draw. The big difference is the return to form of striker Dave Brogan, a man well known to Croydon fans. Croatia bought Brogan from Croydon in 1981. Since then he's been a regular scorer.

Brogan's close ball skills are top class. He controls the ball quickly, turns sharp- ly, is quick to size up a scoring situation and is a talented finisher. He certainly won't be overawed when he plays in the National League next year. His ability long has deserved to be displayed in front of a far larger audience. Bigger crowds, a better standard, derbies galore, all will combine to make Brogan finally gain the recognition he deserves.

You couldn't preview a Croatia match without mentioning one of the most ex- citing players in Victorian and Australian soccer — Tommy Cumming.

The stocky little striker with a huge heart and an even bigger appetite for the game is set to fight his way back into the national team next season. Just wait until he's seen on the National League front. He'll be a sensation. What a player, what a character.



Croatia, back row: Steve Gojevic, George Hannah, Sean Parton, Peter Blasby, reserve, Joso Antolovic, reserve. Front row: Ossie Latif, Keith Adams, Josip Blskic, Tommy Cumming, Ante Bilaver, Tony Curcio.

## WHAT THE PLAYERS THINK

**KEITH ADAMS (Croatia):** I think we'll win. The lads really are looking forward to finishing the season on a good note by winning a couple of cups.

"We've found Croydon pretty resolute in defence in our league games this year. They've been pretty hard to break down. But defending is easy. Going forward is harder. Players up front really have to work and we've got the players to do that."

"Flair's important too. We've got more flair than Croydon both up front and in midfield. I've got no doubts that it'll be a very hard game but I'm confident that our lads will come out on top."

**JEFF FAULKNER (Croatia):** Croydon's always a hard side to play against. They're a physical team but we've got their measure.

"The last time we played, up at Croydon Park, they seemed to worry too much about the physical thing. They didn't worry much about playing foot- ball. Maybe it's because they've got a reputation for being a physical side and they seem to be trying to live up to it."

"We'll win because we're the better footballing team."

**IAN DOBSON (Croydon):** There hardly was anything in it when we played Croatia twice this season and I fancy us against them. I'm confident that we'll do well.

"I think we'll enjoy playing at Olympic Park. We're a far better footballing side now. From what I hear Croydon was a bit of a kick and rush team in the past but that's changed."

"Croatia probably will start favorite and that suits us fine. We won't need any motivating here."

As far as the Croydon players are concerned, this is our chance to show everyone just how good we are. We're not a popular club. We don't get the press coverage that Croatia and Green Gully get but we'll show people that we're every bit as good as them.

"I don't think that there'll be much more than a goal in it and I know that we can win."

**PAUL WADE (Croydon):** "We'll certainly give Croatia a run for their money. They'll know they've played a good, strong team when they walk off the park on Sunday."

"Everyone likes to beat Croatia. We seem to rally to the occasion when we play Croatia or Green Gully and we really put it in against them. Croatia has two excellent strikers in Dave Brogan and Tommy Cumming, but I'm sure that Steve Marley and Ian Dobson can counteract them."

"We've got something to prove on Sunday."

**LOU DENYS (Ajax):** The way we're going at the moment I'm confident that we'll win. We perform well in big games.

"Juventus can't afford to play defensively here because of the knock-out nature of the cup. Un- less, that is, they want to try and beat us on penal- ties."

"I've got no doubts that they'll be out to prove themselves against us and they'll have a fair bit of incentive in this game but we've got far more strik- ing power. If they do come at us, they'll find it had to break through."

"Young Zinni's really the only player they've got who can run at defenders. Big Frenchie will lumber around and maybe get to the back post a

few times, provided he gets there quick enough, and although Incantalupo can hit a ball, he's not going to get into many shooting positions."

**JIM WILLIAMS (Ajax):** "Juventus has a lot of players who can finish well and they've been creating chances all year. That's why they are where they are obviously."

"It's just a matter of whether or not we give them chances. As for talk about it being a hard game, sure it'll be a hard game. They tackle hard, we tackle hard. There are a lot of British players out there and they always get stuck in. Whether or not it's a spiteful game is in the hands of the referee."

**GRAHAM FRENCH (Juventus):** After losing to them at Green Gully, the lads will be really moti- vated for this game. We said straight after the game up at the Gully that we'd be looking for- ward to getting together for another crack at them in the State League Cup.

"Man for man, we're every bit as good as them. In fact, I don't think that they're a particularly skilful team. Physical strength is their big asset. We're going to give back as much if not more than we take this time. If we can overcome the phys- ical thing, our skill will see us through."

"It was a rough game up at the Gully and we don't expect this one to be any different."

**GED BANNON (Juventus):** We'll beat them this time. This won't be like the game against them at Green Gully. They won't take us by sur- prise this time.

"We'll be able to hand out what they hand-d out to us up there. They were very physical but we're ready for them and we'll win."

### JUVENTUS

Gary  
CLAYTON

Paul  
DRINOCZKY

Paddy  
BANNON

Harry  
HIRD

Ged  
BANNON

Kevin  
LLOYD

Fabio  
INCANTALUPO

Andrew  
ZINNI

Graham  
FRENCH

### CROYDON

Lou  
KASTNER

Ian  
DOBSON

Steve  
MARLEY

Gary  
HOBSON

Mark  
OWN

Jimmy  
ROONEY

Paul  
WADE

Steve  
VINE

Joe  
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Above: Juventus, Tasmanian Youth champion. Far left: Juve's top scorer Bruce Ward and left, coach Peter Brine, both returning to England.

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Morwell	8	5	13	28	45	21
Doveton	7	3	16	30	46	17
Albion	6	5	15	16	41	17
Wilhelmina	6	2	18	24	58	14
Hellas	1	5	20	23	75	7



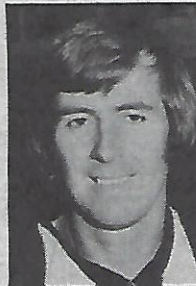
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## That old familiar Armstrong amble

STH MELB. HELLAS 1 (Kanasoulis 90th) RINGWOOD-WILHELMINA 2 (Garvey 18th, Stewart 69th) at Middle Park, Saturday.

HELLAS: Turudic 6, Kanasoulis 6, Armstrong 8, Anzakis 7, Kalamakis 5, Abraham 6, Kanasoulis 6, Portocarrillo 6, Kalamakis 6, Van Egmond 6 (Petazman), Bekiaris 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

WILHELMINA: Lee 6, Coddie 6, Pena 6, Brooks 6, Verniers 6, Burton 6, Adams 6, Alconon 6, Thom 6 (Bakker), Garvey 7, Stewart 7. Coach: Rudi Van Altema.



Jim Armstrong

Jimmy Armstrong was an everpresent in the South Melbourne Hellas side which won the State League in 1976 before the club unceremoniously ousted him after deciding that he was too old to hold his own in the newly formed Philips League for the following season.

Maybe just to prove that the decision was a trifle premature, Armstrong made a nostalgic return to the Hellas State League side on Saturday — no less than seven years after his last senior appearance for the club.

A lot of water has flowed under bridges since and Armstrong has managed to fit in nine goals in 30 State League appearances for Juventus in 1977 and 1978, a highly publicised stint at Shepparton, and then a move to Sandringham before joining the Hellas coaching staff at the start of the season.

His goal tally in the 1976 Hellas championship side was eight and that included one in each of the two victories (3-2 and 2-1) over Ringwood Wilhelmina.

On Saturday, with his squad reduced to skeleton proportions after a long season of setbacks in which the club used no less than 29 players in a futile State League campaign, he was out to stop the flow of goals in a defence which had leaked in an embarrassing total of 73 before the game.

But despite his sweeping duties, there was still a glimpse or two of the old familiar amble upfield and a couple of long range efforts which were well off target as the limbs failed to respond to the orders

issued by a still very alert soccer brain.

Some of the old cheek was still there too as Armstrong at one stage went up to referee asking for the goals to be moved to one side to give him a better chance of scoring.

Ringwood spoiled all the fun however, going on to record its only away win of the season in an earth shattering spell of form that has produced two victories on the trot.

For the record, Neil Garvey broke the deadlock in the 18th minute outjumping everybody at the far post to head in a cross from the left by Ken Stewart after Ron Verniers had started the move with a through ball to the winger.

Stewart added the second, catching the Hellas defence napping with a shot from the left in the 69th minute.

John Kanasoulis made the result more respectable, weaving his way into the area and nonchalantly shooting past Stewart Lee in the last minute of the game.

Finally, fulfilling a promise I've made to Ringwood's publicity officer, a rap must go to Alan Clark who provided Wilhelmina's only bright spot of the season compiling an informative four page programme in loud orange at the club's home games which has even included a column by captain David Brooks.

— PETER DESIRA

## DOVETON 1 (Stirton 64th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Smallman 55th, Paul Lewis 80th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 9 — Thurlow 8, Corko 7, Buchanan 8, McLeod 6 — Watson 6, Dowie 7, Webster 7, M. Lennon 7 — Stirton 7, Waterhouse 8. Coach: Hammy McMeachen.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 8 — D. Beranic 7, Short 8, Connell 6, Hopben 7 — Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 8 — Ted 6, Smallman 6.

Paul Lewis 8. Coach: David Smallman.

It was fitting that Paul Lewis should score the goal which wrapped up the 1983 championship for Ajax and gave him 31 league goals in an outstanding season for the 22 year old Welshman.

He's surely the hottest striking property in Australian soccer today and there will be a clamor among NSL clubs to sign the blond headed, lightning fast forward for next season.

This was Ajax's third successive title but it didn't come easy at Waratah Reserve on Sunday. Doveton, the home side, was on a bonus of almost \$100 per player to get a draw here, a 'gift' from another State League club. Wonder which one? And the Doves fought tooth and nail in a tough encounter, prompting Ajax team manager Mario Borg to exclaim after the game:

"If Doveton had played like that all year they would have finished in the top four for sure."

Doveton goalkeeper Sean

Keogh was in superb touch, pulling off three excellent saves, and when the sides went in locked at 0-0 at the break, it seemed that Doveton could grab the point all Croatia fans were hoping for.

But just 10 minutes into the second half, the champions struck. Player-coach David Smallman broke through after good work from Bobby Toal and finished in his usual clinical manner to send the four bus loads of Ajax fans into a frenzy. Their fervor however was quenched nine minutes later, after an unusual mistake had been won.

The big Ajax stopper, under pressure from Graham Watson, tried to pass back to goalkeeper Lou Denys but only succeeded in playing the ball into Ian Stirton's path and the Doveton striker slotted it past Denys to level at 1-1.

The crucial goal came 10 minutes from time. A long ball from Cannell was touched on by Smallman, sending Paul Lewis clear. As Keogh came out, the leading State League marksman struck the ball under the Doveton keeper's body and the State League title had been won.

## CROYDON 0 BOX HILL 2 (Verachia 57th, Priestley 65th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kasser 7 — Marley 6, McCombe 7 (Rooney 65th), Dobson 7, Hobson 6 — Rainey 7, Brown 7, Wade 7 — Irvine 7, Loughane 7, Llo 6. Coach: Ted Dillworth.

Box Hill's going to take a tilt at the State League title next year. The Wembley Park club reckons that with a couple of good players to top off the quality and depth of its first team squad, it can make a realistic bid for the championship.

This isn't pie-in-the-sky stuff. Let's assume that Ajax, Juventus and Croatia all are in

the NSL in 1984. They'll be joined by another current State Leaguer but your guess is as good as mine as to the identity of this fourth club. Anyway, the loss of the big three will take the gloss off the competition and it won't be as hard to win the title. You then have to start reckoning that the Hillmen, having proved themselves as a formidable combination in their first year back in State League, will be a far greater force next year with the anticipated improvement in their many young players and the inclusion of a couple of top newcomers.

It was an unusually spiritless Croydon which deservedly lost at home to Box Hill on Sunday. Croydon played without suspended Gus Macleod and striking cohort, Joe Sweeney, who was injured. Jimmy Rooney sat on the bench until replacing Steve McCombe in the second half. Box Hill put far more into its game here. The Hillmen

showed a lot more commitment and played better as a team unit. John Gabrielson, played in the reserves and his first team spot was taken by Stalwart Donald Brownlie. The veteran stopper isn't sure about his plans for 1984 but if he's not wearing Box Hill colors next year then he'll have left a gaping hole at the back. There's no doubt that big

Brownlie still can play well at this level and the club is hoping that he will make himself available next year.

Peter Verachia put Box Hill on its winning way by being on the end of a superb interpassing move in the 57th minute. Alan Roodhouse won the ball on the left and played it to Matt McDonald. The little midfielder passed to Paul Priestley who played the ball in to the near post and Verachia sidefooted home.

About eight minutes later the Hillmen sealed Croydon's fate. Priestley picked up a long headed clearance from Brownlie. The former Moorook and Knox City striker was in his defensive half and Croydon has pushed forward. Priestley evaded a tackle from Ian Dobson and charged toward goal, neatly slotting the ball past advancing Lou Kasser to make it 2-0.



## AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

Big wins to Steve Moore (Northcote) in our Ametco Player of the Year award and Paul Lewis (Ajax) in our Ametco Top Scorer award highlighted another successful season on Ametco awards for the State League.

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Moore wins a return trip to Europe, flying Thai International. Lewis wins a return trip to Singapore, also flying Thai International.

Here are last week's votes, the final ones for the year:

CROYDON v BOXHILL: 3 Verachia (BH), 2 Brownlie (BH), 1 R. Roodhouse (BH). FALKNER v NORTH-COTE: 3 Bozakis (N), 2 Kondarinos (F), 1 Creany (N).

S.G. CROSS v MORWELL: 3 Mitten (M), 2 McGorian (SCG), 1 Gilder (SCG).

POLONIA v CROATIA: 3 Biskic (C), 2 McCuskey (P), 1 Adams (C).

DOVETON v AJAX: 3 Keogh (D), 2 Vassallo (A), 1 Smallman (A).

JUVENTUS v ALBION: 3 Hird (J), 2 Costello (A), 1 Lloyd (J).

HELLAS v WILHELMINA: 3 Armstrong (H), 2 Garvey (W), 1 Anzakis (H).

FINAL VOTES:

35 — Moore (Northcote). 30 — Hird (Juventus). 29 — Cumming (Croatia). 21 — Kalifatis (Hellas). 20 — Tuffield (Falkner). 19 — Peter Lewis (Ajax). Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill), Biskic (Croatia), Mila (Polonia).

TOP SCORERS:

31 — Paul Lewis (Ajax). 21 — Brogan (Croatia). 19 — Cumming (Croatia). 18 — Smallman (Ajax). 14 — McGuinness (Morwell).

## Rob Cullen hurt, Nelson seals it

### JUVENTUS 2 (Cullen 50th, Nelson 71st) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 5 — V. Bannan 7, P. Bannan 7, Drinacovic 6, Hird 7 — G. Bannan 7, Cullen 7 (Graham 55th), Lloyd 7, Williams 6 — French 7, Nelson 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

ALBION: Costello 7 — Coyne 6, Hennessey 6, McLeod 5, McIvor 5, Reilly 6, Ferrie 5, Bennett 6, Galea 5 — Smart 6, D'Sylva 6. Coach: Hugh Murray.

Juventus obviously wanted to prepare for the all important top four competition, the last remaining chance for the Brunswick club to win a trophy after one of its best years in the past decade, while Albion wanted to consolidate its strong finish to a rather disappointing season.

The well organised Juventus defence easily controlled anything the Rovers could throw at it and keeper Gary Clayton must have been having thoughts of registering for unemployment benefits. Juve's midfielders also had few problems but the forward line without Fabio Incantalupo and Andrew Zinn could not force an early breakthrough, due to the determined efforts of Albion's defence.

The first half was very uneventful with the exception of a goal scored by Jim Nelson in the 12th minute after Tom Costello had parried a Devin Swinscoe shot, all to no avail, because the linesman had his flag up.

In the second half, Juventus decided to put more urgency into the last act of the championship and proved its mastery with orderly build-ups. Harry Hird overlapped on the



Juventus striker Graham French

left, putting Nelson in motion. His ball to Kevin Lloyd in the box and a gentle touch up Rob Cullen who had no problem in slotting in from close range.

But Cullen paid dearly for his effort when, soon after scoring, a ferocious tackle by Gerry Reilly sent Cullen back to the dressing rooms with a deep cut to his left leg. A most unfortunate incident that may

be a severe blow to Juventus' chances of winning the game against Green Gully on Sunday.

Juventus kept pressing and only the brilliance of Costello prevented the score increasing. Finally, Nelson sealed the game in the 71st minute when Lloyd sent him away with an intelligent through ball. The speedster rounded Costello, who had come off his line, and slotted into the unguarded net.

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## Colin Quigley sent off

**FAWKNER 1 (Schipano 53rd) NORTHCOTE 1 (Tsetsos 44th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.**

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 — Giacomo 6, Fattore 7, Kondarinos 8, Sabbadini 6 — Cavallari 5 (Palinkas 49th), B. Sabidussi 7, Bozakis 6 — Anselma 6, Tuffield 6, Schipano 6. Coach: Cado Dikovic.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Cutler 6, Bozakis 6, Creany 7, Wilson 6 — Wright 7, Quigley 5 (sent off 72nd), Moore 7 — Sabidussi 5 (Constantinos 75th), Tsetsos 6, Culina 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

With nothing at stake neither team reached great heights and the highlight of this clash probably came in the 73rd minute when Northcote's Colin Quigley tangled with Faw-

kner's Bruno Sabidussi. The Fawknier midfielder was awarded a free kick and Quigley got his marching orders after complaining bitterly to the referee.

The first half was boring, prompting Northcote coach Tony Vrzina to say after the match that his players "showed more determination in the small game we played at Friday night's training."

A minute before the break, Northcote struck. The Fawknier defence was caught flat-footed by a long John Creany clearance, allowing Tsetsos to break through and slot the ball past Terzini.

Joe Palinkas replaced out of touch Tiziano Cavallari early in the second half and the former JUST and Brisbane City winger sparked life into Fawknier, which equalised in the 53rd minute.

Northcote coach Tony Vrzina had pushed Mark Wilson into midfield for the second half and pulled Sammy Wright back to fullback. Wright played the ball square to fellow defender Gary Cutler who took too long to control, allowing Schipano to rob him, break clear, and hit a low shot past John Giannopoulos and into goal off the post.

Schipano headed over from a Palinkas cross in the 70th minute and late in the game Wright blasted the ball too high from inside the Fawknier area.

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# Only O'Callaghan, Bingham, Train, Higham to stay?

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 3 (Richardson 9th, Gilder 69th, 80th) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (McGuinness 53rd, 87th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.**

**SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS:** Contini 6, McKelvey 6, O'Reilly 7, Scott 6, Taylor 7, Richardson 9, Stevenson 6, Peto 6, McGuinness 6, Gilder 6, Bain 6. Coach: Tommy Taylor.

**MORWELL FALCONS:** Whiteside 6, Coady 5, Irvine 7, Young 7, Train 7, Bingham 8, Macdon 7, O'Callaghan 6, Locky 4, Mitten 3, McGuinness 7, Coach: Tommy Taylor.

Morwell Falcons came into State League last year to survive and finished in the top four. This year Falcons aimed to finish in the top four and almost ended up trying to survive.

Many regulars have been unhappy this year and I believe that only four regulars — John O'Callaghan, Jim Train, John Higham and Harry Bingham — are keen to stay at the club next year. Most of the other usual first teamers are considering offers from other clubs.

Brian Derby left for Western Australia on Monday and won't return. He is in dispute with Morwell over certain sections of his contract.

And Tony van Baar also is rumored to be far from happy. He was under club suspension for this match, allegedly because he'd rather play in the reserves than in the first team.

But while the playing side of the club has struggled, the social side has been booming. The huge social club at Falcons' North Crinigan Reserve home ground, is run by vice-president Charlie Zammit and has an annual turnover of between \$200,000 and \$250,000. Eight of the top Australian Rules clubs in the Latrobe Valley already have booked the social club for their end-of-season presentation nights.

In an area that takes particular pride in reminding you that Brownlow medalists Bernie Quinlan, Barry Round and Kelvin Templeton all come from the Valley, Falcons are a soccer oasis in this part of rural Victoria.

Morwell Falcons' application for a place in the 1984 NSL was posted to Sydney on Monday. Falcons narrowly avoided relegation in 1981 in the Metro First Division then enjoyed a marvellous season in higher company last year. This year's struggle would be

forgotten if Falcons performed well in the NSL next year and that's just what the club thinks will happen if its application is accepted.

But let's get back to this final State League game for 1983. Sunshine-George Cross, another NSL applicant, looked dangerous on the break, while Falcons knocked the ball about sweetly at times.

The combine hit the front in the 9th minute. Eric Young fouled Mick McGorian and John Stevenson took the ensuing free kick, playing it to the far post. Billy Whiteside came off his line but missed the ball, enabling Steve Richardson to head into an empty goal.

Morwell levelled in the 53rd minute. Harry Bingham lobbed the ball to Mitten, on the edge of the box. Mitten's header set-up McGuinness who shot low into the far corner.

Stevenson's corner in the 69th minute led to the combine's second goal. The ball was headed down to Carl Gilder who turned quickly and his half-hit shot deceived everyone, eventually going into goal under the foot of Peter Coody.

The Shuggy's Bistro Goal of the Year surely was scored in the 89th minute. McGorian was on the by-line, seemingly hemmed in. In a flash he nipped Jim Train, gave Young the same treatment, knocked the ball past Sandy Irvine to Gilder at the near post and Gilder's first time shot sent the ball into the roof of the net.

A penalty awarded for handling was converted by McGuinness in the last few minutes to make it 3-2.

— MICK O'BRIEN

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This week's hat-trick heroes: M. Taylor (Dingley); Marco Rinnovasi (Clayton); Alex Rasmir, Damian Giacomantonio, four goals; Philip Fourias, Wesley Malcolm (Waverley City); Lee Hesterman, David Chura, five goals; Bradley Simmons, four goals; Bradley Phillips, Stewart Charles, Stephen Luky, Mark Forster, Ian Summerfield, Dean Jones, Matthew Duffy (Skye); S. Evans, four goals; H. Barker, four goals; K. Vanrossen, 1. Barker, B. Rize, five goals; A. Farth, P. Mieson, M. Lang, arak, J. Daniels, five goals; E. Cook, B. Steel, four goals; T. Jack, four goals (Doveton Baptists); Scott Groves, 9, five goals (Barwon City).



Jozo Antolovic



Mick McGorian

# Watch out for Croatia in '84

**POLONIA 1 (Marshall 69th) CROATIA 2 (Brogan penalty 55th, Antolovic 91st) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.**

**POLONIA:** Dzielakowski 7, Liplarski 7, Mile 6, McCuskey 6, Smolenski 7, Curcio 5, Czapnik 6, Petrov 5 (Hornik 5th), Laskic 6, Marshall 6, Krynski 6, Coach: Leszek Dzielakowski.

**CROATIA:** Brogan 2, Curcio 7, Parton 7, Adams 8, Blavet 6, Blaskic 9, Antolovic 1, Faulkner 7, Brogan 6, Brogan 6, Curcio 7, Coach: John Gardiner.

Despite Jozo Antolovic's winning goal in the 91st minute, Croatia finished second for the fourth successive season by virtue of Ajax's 2-1 victory against Doveton at Waratah Reserve.

Croatia last won State League in 1979. It was runner-up to Makedonia in 1980 and runner-up to Ajax in 1981, 82 and now 1983. While championships haven't gone Croatia's way in recent times, the club has maintained its place as a power in Victorian soccer and with its financial resources and huge potential following there can be no doubt that in the NSL next year, Melbourne Croatia will be a force to be reckoned with.

Croatia took on the challenge of State League in the latter half of the 1970's after being one of the strongest clubs in the state prior to its expulsion from the VSF in 1972.

Croatia not only accepted the challenge of entry back into this state's premier competition, it won its battle to establish itself as a powerful club. The new challenge facing

the club in 1984 — to prove that it can compete in the best competition in Australia — will be met with the same vigor and enthusiasm of the late 70's and don't be surprised to see Croatia making a bold first-up bid for the championship next year. Croatia always has been able to buy top class players and it probably will want to improve the quality and depth of its squad next season, given the demands of higher competition.

Against Polonia last Sunday, Croatia bombarded the home team's goal in the first half but failed to penetrate.

Brogan and Cumming combined well in the 18th minute but Cumming's scissors shot went wide and two minutes later Brogan let fly with a drive from the edge of the area which was well saved by Polonia player-coach Leszek Dzielakowski. The huge keeper was on hand in the 40th minute to again deny Brogan after a good run down the right and a cross from Tony Curcio. And right on half time, Jozo Antolovic struck a fierce volley but once more Dzielakowski did well, pushing the ball out for a corner.

Polonia was much more in the game in the second half, using the long ball to good effect. Sweeper Stefan Mile was prominent in this department.

Chances still fell to Croatia and it went 1-0 up in the 55th minute. Cumming made a diagonal run from the right across the edge of the Polonia area, beating McCuskey and Mirko Smolenski. Brendan Laskic tackled Cumming and the referee awarded a very dubious penalty which was converted by Brogan.

But Polonia didn't take long to hit back. Alex Marshall struck a superb long ball to Laskic in the 68th minute. Laskic should have got his shot in but delayed and Jeff Faulkner, recovering well, got in a tackle, giving away a corner. A looping Marshall header from the resultant corner tied the scores. Keith Adams cleared but the referee ruled that the ball had crossed the goal line.

Steve Goejic delayed too long and was tackled by Danny McCuskey in the 70th minute, blowing a good shooting chance then Cumming, unmarked, got in a header from a corner in the 80th minute but the ball struck the bar.

The winner came in the first minute of extra time. Man-of-the-match, Josip Biskic, made a great run down the right and crossed. Dzielakowski got to the ball but only could knock it into the air. The experienced keeper failed to attack the ball a second time, and Antolovic headed in.

## Doves get \$85,000

Doveton has been granted \$85,000 over the next two years from Berwick council to improve its Waratah Reserve clubrooms.

Work starts next month and \$80,000 will be spent this year on the first stage of a two-stage development plan. New dressing rooms will be built and the existing clubrooms will be fully renovated with a far larger social club area developed.

# Corio blows it while Chelt, Nuna surprise

**Corio threw away the chance to win promotion from the Metro Fourth Division as nerves got the better of it in its postponed clash against Hawthorn last Saturday.**

Hawthorn, which needed to win to avoid relegation, made the Geelong side took second rate, running away to a 3-1 victory, which lifted it to the safety of a third last finish.

Nunawading City pulled off the shock of the quarter-finals in the Metro League Cup by downing fancied Frankston Pines 1-0, earning a semi-final clash with Third Division Royal Richmond at Box Hill this Saturday. Nunawading must be heavily favored to win its way into the final.

The semi-finals will be played as a double header at Wembley Park. Nuna is featured in the opening game then Thomastown takes on Knox in the other semi-final. The first game kicks off at 1pm.

The semi-finals of the Provisional League Reserves Cup also will be played on Saturday. The venue is Gardiners Creek Reserve, Evans Street, East Brunswick, home of the City. East Brunswick clashes with Yarraville in the opening game, then Brunswick City meets Berwick City. The first game starts at 1pm.

The semi-finals of the senior Provisional League Cup have been postponed for a week, pending the outcome of Altona United's protest against its recent clash with Melbourne United. The protest was heard at University leading 1-0. Altona's protest will be heard at Soccer House tomorrow night (Thursday), and if the result stands, University will play Boronia in the deferred quarter-final.

The other senior Provisional League Cup semi-finals are Springfield United, Cheltenham and Mordialloc-Clarinda. Springfield United defeated South Dandenong 1-0.

Cheltenham shocked Bulteen 2-1, while Mordialloc-Clarinda beat Dallas City 2-1.

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION FOUR HAWTHORN 3 (Mamas, Filippis, Lazopoulos) CORIO 1 (Carmichael).**

**HAWTHORN:** Panagiotopoulos 7, Mamas 7, Adipoulos 7, Getch 5, Avenille 7, Sachid 9, Koukounaras 7, Teer 7, Filippou 8, Lazopoulos 9, Filippis 7 (Kalafatis 8th).

**CORIO:** Slack 6, Gietts 5, Maleic 5, Tilienger 6, Cloutback 7, R. Van der Chys 6, G. Van der Chys 7, McDermide 6, Treiblock 7th, Branelzaris 5, (Egan 8th), Carmichael 8, Opperman 8.

Fullback Michael Masmassias played a superb version of the Hawks in front after 17 minutes running onto a short corner kick to slam the ball home off the crossbar with a shot from outside the box.

Alex Filippis added to the score two minutes into the second half breaking through on the right and rounding a defender before slotting the ball past David Slack.

Corio revived its hopes within the minute when Nick Carmichael pulled a goal back chesting the ball over the line from a tight wing cross by Phil Cloutback.

Corio, only two points behind league leader Hamlyn and with a better goal difference would have won the title by winning but its play was uncoordinated and rarely looked like unsettling a surprisingly resilient Hawthorn defence. And even when the unexpected chance of levelling the scores through a penalty awarded for handball presented itself, a very nervous Joe

Maleic trotted up to send a weak spotkick straight at portly Panagiotopoulos who still had time to go down and block the ball despite far from being the most agile of keepers.

And up front Hawthorn showed how to take a defence apart taking advantage of the pace and skill of Bill Lazopoulos. He fittingly scored the third goal right on fulltime, controlling a freekick then turning past a defender to blast into the net.

— PETER DESIRA **METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CUP NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Mullett 68th) FRANKSTON PINES 0**

**NUNAWADING CITY:** Pat Fensham 9, Dave Gow 9, David Brown 9, Simon Furzer 9, Scott Deane 9, Scott Nollis 6, Trevor Owen 5, Steve Moyle 9, Mark Bakker 8, Phil Mullett 9, Greg Hendle 8. Home team.

Nunawading City, playing with the wind in the first half, had most of the chances and was unlucky not to be in the lead when one shot was headed off the line and a shot from Phil Mullett hit the upright with the keeper beaten.

Pines forced many corners but the Nuna defence looked solid. Nuna took the lead when a long kick upfield by keeper Pat Fensham found Phil Mullett who beat two defenders and found the net.

Pines put everything into attack but with a little help from Lady Luck and some great defensive play by Simon Furzer, Dave Gow and David Brown, Nuna held on to win.

**KNOX CITY 3 (Gerrish 7th, 81st, House 55th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 1.**

Knox City, trying to salvage something from this season after at one stage looming as favorite to win the First Division, moved into the semi-finals of the Metro League Cup with this win. Winning this cup is of great importance to the club as it will add weight to its claims for a State League berth next year.

However, the game did little to enthuse the crowd with Knox merely content to do just as much as was required to win an early Gerrish goal, scored after he beat two defenders, was levelled by a JUST goal in the 22nd minute.

It was a different Knox in the second half. Tunstall was unlucky with a header which struck the bar. However Greg House showed his poaching flair when he latched onto a loose ball inside the six yard box to give Knox a 2-1 lead.

The game was sealed when Gerrish collected his second just before the end after a neat one-two between him and House.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP SPRINGVALE UTD 1 (Jelicic 68th) SOUTH DANDENONG 0.**

**SPRINGVALE UNITED:** M. Tomic, D. Sivec, P. Deomed, H. Kojim, D. Janje, N. Spilic, D. Jelicic, B. S. Janje, M. Stojilovic, P. Tomic.

**SOUTH DANDENONG:** C. Bravo, F. Romero, E. Ramos, F. Llanos, F. Jimenez, Omar Romero, J. Presta, C. Ugarte (S. Wieraszewski 45th), M. Romero, R. Contreras, E. Anselmi (Orlando Romero 45th).

Best players: Springvale United: M. Stojilovic, D. Janje, M. Kojim, C. Bravo, E. Ramos, F. Jimenez.

# What's more important—results or publicity?



TIM WHITE Victorian coaching director

There are several weeks still remaining in the 1983 season and already "Soccer Action" is full of stories regarding coaching changes for 1984.

Speculation on coaching appointments at West Adelaide, Sydney Croatia, Heidelberg United, Melbourne Croatia, Canberra Arrows was evident in last week's edition.

In the same paper Marconi coach Doug Collins lamented the lack of stability in club coaching in Australia. Surely he has a good point when he states a coach should only be dismissed if his team performs unsatisfactorily or fails to make progress. This way he can plan for the following season and I'm sure he will learn from the mistakes he made.

That seems logical but then one wonders what logic has to do with it. However it is time club administrators sat down and thought logically and made a few decisions.

The first decision reached should concern the functions of the appointee to the Club Coaching position. The person appointed is generally known as the coach but is there a clear understanding between him and his Club administrators concerning his job description.

To explain the above let me quote a recent article in a National paper. The headline stated "Vrzina to stay, Gardiner to go". The article predicted that Northcote City coach Tony Vrzina would be in demand next season by his own club and possible another because of his achievements this year. It stated that Vrzina had qualities other coaches in Victoria did not have. They were in the areas of promotion and organisation.

On the other hand, the article predicted that John Gardiner would lose the coaching position at Melbourne Croatia because his performance this year has not pleased some Croatian supporters.

I have no way of knowing if either or both of the above assumptions are true. However as an observer I am a little bit confused when I look at the achievements of both these teams in the Victorian State League so far this season.

The record at the time of writing is:

	W	D	F	A	P
Croatia.....	19	2	3	88	12
Northcote.....	9	4	11	32	42
	W	D	F	A	P
Croatia Res.....	16	4	3	74	26
North Res.....	7	4	13	57	18

The reason for the article and the conclusions drawn could well be contained in the reasons why each of those individuals was ap

The reason for the article and the conclusions drawn could well be contained in the reasons why each of those individuals was appointed in the first place.

In simple terms, is the job to do with the results on the park or the number of times he gets his name or his photo in the paper? If the job is to do with work done with players then the coaching ability of the man and his willingness to do the task and get on the training ground with the players is of the utmost importance.

Of course, man management is vital to his make up but then that becomes easier when he earns the respect of his players. If administrators decide that the coaching position includes the promotion and publicity of the club then I respectfully submit that this is not a viable proposition on a part time basis.

As the majority of club coaching positions in Australia are part time then administrators should consider the points made and decide on a priority order. He made the appointment the coach should be allowed to get on with the job which will almost certainly contain short and long term objectives.

This will mean allowing him time to implement his ideas and time to develop players. I agree with Doug Collins when he makes the point that the game is now full of talented youngsters. I have been involved in National Youth Championships in the last three or four years and have seen an enormous amount of talent in the various state teams.

Collins' Marconi parades six players under-21. Young players like Rankin and Mullen (Adelaide City), Lowe (Newcastle United), Fabrizio (Brisbane City), Stewart, Wright and Hunter (Brisbane Lions), Opasinas (Preston) and Farina (Canberra Arrows) played in the Youth Championships in 1982.

Those youngsters have now been given chances at the top level and have justified the faith in their ability. However, the coach must be given time to develop these players and his decisions to give them an opportunity must be supported by the administrators.

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# ITALIANS MAY GET WORLD CUP, BEST FOR ST. ALBANS!

England's hopes of staging the 1990 World Cup have taken a tumble with the news that Hermann Neuberger the 60-year-old head of West Germany's F.A., itches for the presidency of FIFA. Neuberger needs Italian backing and that's the reason West Germany has withdrawn its application to stage the 1990 competition. They'll now support Italy who in turn will back Neuberger. And they say there's no politics in sport.

## McGrain stays

Danny McGrain, the Celtic and former Scotland full back, now 33, has signed a new two-year contract with his club which will probably see out his playing career. McGrain joined Celtic the year it won the European Cup in 1967 and played about 50 times for Scotland.

## Laudrap landed

Michael Laudrap, the 18-year-old wonder boy who plays in Italian soccer has been labelled as a combination of Beckenbauer and Cruyff. Laudrap has scored six goals in five international appearances for Denmark.

## Juve dilemma

Dino Zoff has been gone for some time now but Juventus still can't decide on his successor. Presently Tacconi and Bodini are alternating between the sticks.

## Korput back

Dutch star Mike Korput is back with Feyenoord on a year's loan from Torino who wanted \$500,000 for his outright transfer. Korput is playing alongside his former international colleague Johan Cruyff.

## Bond buys

John Bond, now manager of Third division Burnley, has bought 25-year-old England 'B' defender Shaun Elliott for \$240,000 from Sutherland.

## Top two go

Ray Kennedy and Bob Latchford, both former England players, are to leave struggling Swansea. Midfielder Kennedy, 32, signed for one hundred and sixty thousand pounds from Liverpool in January '82, was given a free transfer. Striker Latchford, once with Everton, has completed his contract and will not be re-signed. Another former Liverpool and England veteran, Emlyn Hughes, 36, sacked as Rotherham player-manager in February, made his Swansea debut in the reserves.

## Nicol in?

Phil Thompson, the Liverpool and England defender who is now 29 and recently turned down a loan move to Leicester City, could lose his place this season to under 21 Scotland defender Steve Nicol. Nicol, who has already impressed in first-team outings, cost the champions about \$600,000 two years ago from Ayr United.

## Jack back?

Jack Charlton, the former England defender who quit as boss of Sheffield Wednesday earlier in the year, has no immediate plans to return to soccer despite some tempting offers in the close season. But Charlton says he may return sometime — if the right job presents itself.

## Three face chop

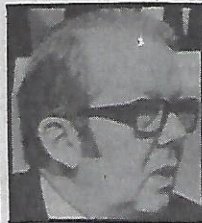
Three managers could already be under pressure if they don't pull out of the start-of-the-season rut. Despite denials by chairman Mike Bamford, the Brighton manager, Jimmy Melis, looks uneasy. Sunderland boss Alan Durbin's position appears wobbly now that millionaire chairman Tom Cowie is on his way out, while former England player Gordon Milne will



From JIM COOK  
our European correspondent



Danny McGrain



Herman Neuberger



Joe Corrigan



Paul Mariner



Johannes Edvaldsson  
hardly be classed as a popular figure with Leicester City fans.



Gerd Mueller  
Currie joins

Former Celtic central defender, Johannes Edvaldsson, now with Motherwell, was recalled after three years' absence into the Iceland side which played Holland in the European Championship game at Groningen. Also in the Iceland line-up was his brother Atli Edvaldsson a centre forward in the Bundesliga with Fortuna Dusseldorf.

## Real Gyp

Holland's international van der Gyp has joined Spanish side Real Mallorca who recently acquired Northern Ireland World Cup hero Gerry Armstrong from Watford. Van der Gyp had been with Lokeren, Belgium.

## Huge contract

Inter-Milan have had problems inducing their star striker Alessandro to remain with the club. But a new three year contract worth over a million dollars has done the trick.

## Big Joe back

Joe Corrigan the former Manchester City and England goalkeeper who has returned after a spell with Seattle Sounders, is a target for Brighton, which may sign him soon. But Leeds is also in the hunt for Corrigan as regular goalkeeper. Scotland international David Harvey, 36, is presently carrying an injury.

## United best

Arguments on the home attendances of Manchester United and Liverpool are settled with the result showing that United pulled in 873,038 to their 21 home league matches last season. On the other hand the men from the Kop had 731,563 for their 21 home games. But the capacity of Old Trafford is almost 15,000 greater than Anfield. And Mersey-side is one of the worst sit unemployment areas.

## Brooke returns

Gary Brooke, the Spurs midfielder, has made a remarkable comeback. Smashed up so badly in a car accident eight months ago, he hovered on the brink of death in intensive care for several months.

is now battling in the Second Division.

## Scottish boom

Scotland's 10-club Premier League is booming, weekly attendances frequently totalling over 100,000 despite the fact that almost half the clubs don't really pull the crowds.

## Dutch dominate

Less than two years ago, Yugoslav internationals and ex-internationals dominated the large foreign brigade in English League soccer. Those released since include Borota, Jovanovic, Golac, Jankovic, Katalinic, Petrovic etc. Nowadays it's Dutchmen who dominate English soccer. Heading the list is Arnold Muhren with Manchester United, Jan Lohman of Watford, Denis van Wyk of Norwich City, Martin Jol and Romeo Zondervan both with West Bromwich Albion, and quite a few lesser names. Add Hans van Breukelen, the Nottingham Forest keeper.

## What a steal

As I predicted, the long serving Rangers and ex-Scotland forward Derek Johnstone joined Chelsea for about \$50,000 — a steal. At 16 Johnstone scored the winning goal for Rangers against Celtic in the 1970 League Cup final, helped the Glasgow club win 25 trophies and got 18 caps for Scotland. Johnstone is still only 29.

## St. George?

Still in the news, George Best could join Isthmian League side St Albans City who are now bossed by the former Manchester United and Fulham colleague John Mitchell. 'Bestie' would be engaged on a match to match basis.

## Bayern battles

Bayern Munich face a critical season without Breitner and Horstmann who moved to Rennes in France. But boss Udo Lattek is expecting big things from Karl Heinz Rummenigge's younger brother Michael who has been impressive in pre-season friendlies.

## Halihodzic

Several English clubs have their eyes on Yugoslav striker Vahid Halihodzic of French side Nantes. He cracked home 27 goals last season.

## Leeds to pay

The Football League Tribunal has decided that Leeds United must pay Celtic \$280,000 for Celtic striker George McCluskey.

## Gourmet Gerd

Gerd Mueller, the West German star of the 1970's, now runs a restaurant with his wife near Port Lauderdale in Florida. He played with Bayern Munich, had 62 caps for West Germany and was European Player of the Year in 1970.

## Huge debt

Well-known Spanish club Valencia is in desperate financial circumstances, so much so that its debts would make Nottingham Forest's \$4 million overdraft look like peanuts.

## Bad break

Bristol City's giant defender Alan Nicholls broke his leg in two places and is unlikely to play again this year.

## Kop this

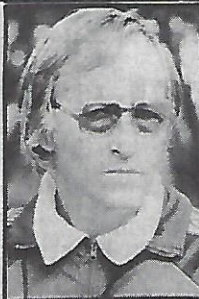
The Daily Mirror gives the answer to why part of Liverpool's ground is called the Kop. Evidently Spion Kop — or hill — was a Boer War battlefield. That of course, was before some soccer stadiums became battlefields themselves.

## Archibald listed

Spurs and Scotland striker Steve Archibald has had his request for a transfer from the London club surprisingly granted. Archibald cost Spurs \$1.6 million from Aberdeen in May 1978 and scored 20 goals in his first season at White Hart Lane. Plagued with injuries last year he netted 11 times but missed many matches.

## Rangers' loss

Charlie Nicholas once played a trial for Glasgow Rangers as an 11-year-old. But his family soon convinced him that blue was the wrong color and he then linked up with Celtic Boys Club.



Rudi Gutendorf

# 'Conspiracy,' says Rudi

Former Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf was denied the opportunity of winning a South Pacific Games gold medal, as the soccer final between his Fijian side and holders Tahiti was abandoned in extra

time when a Fiji player hit a linesman with a corner flag.

The score was tied at 0-0.

Fiji had gone into the game as favorite, having been the more impressive during the earlier rounds, in which it had defeated Solomon Islands 10-0 and Vanuatu 6-0.

A disciplined and tight Tahiti defence however proved too much for Fiji to breach and its frustration became more evident as the match progressed, with the linesman-striking incident being the unfortunate climax.

Unless all precedents are disregarded by the Games Committee, Tahiti will be awarded the gold medals and Fiji may be relegated into fourth place.

A visibly distressed Gutendorf blamed a "French conspiracy" for his charges' behaviour, asserting that the New Caledonian officials had been biased against Fiji.

— PAUL MOON



Harald Schumacher brushes aside Manuel Amoros of France.

# Schumacher axed

In a remarkable move, 1 FC Cologne dismissed its international goal keeper Harald Schumacher. He had walked out on the Rhinelanders last month, following a dispute with then coach Rinus Michels. Michels has subsequently left the club, but Schumacher remained critical of the West German Cup holders' management, which decided to terminate his contract. The 29-year-old who joined Cologne in 1972, has established himself as a top class performer at the highest level and is not likely to be unemployed for long.

— PAUL MOON

# Witchcraft

Swazi soccer clubs now must play the game fair and square — the National Football Association has banned the use of witchcraft.

The ban, follows a long controversy about the use of "Mutu" or witchcraft by players and fans alike, who sprinkle their kit and the goal area with a special liquid to neutralise the power of their opponents.

Last July, Swaziland's National side said it would not use "Mutu" against a combined side from top English clubs Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspurs.

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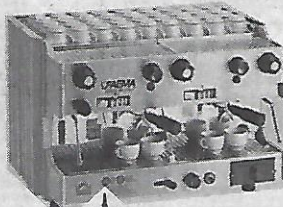
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Auguri alla Juventus, al Fawkner, al Morwell e a tutte le squadre italiane nei campionati minori.

# IL GREEN GULLY HA VINTO IL CAMPIONATO SOLO PERCHE' LA JUVENTUS L'HA PERSO

Il campionato di lega statale del Victoria si è concluso al week end con la terza vittoria consecutiva del Green Gully che alla stregua di questo risultato dovrà per forza di cose essere ammessa alla lega nazionale regionalizzata del prossimo anno.

Per noi non è tanto il caso del Green Gully che ha vinto il campionato, quanto della Juventus che l'ha perso. E non ci si venga a dire che il Croatia era la migliore squadra del campionato! risultati alla mano, la migliore squadra del campionato è stata la Juventus! E non si tratta di un'opinione ma di una constatazione di fatto: la lotta per il primato è sempre stata fra queste tre squadre con tutte le altre distanziate come se il campionato

fosse stato diviso in girone A e girone B. A parte alcuni fuochi di paglia, prima il Morwell, poi il Polonia, quindi il Fawkner e il Croydon, nessuna squadra delle rimanenti 11 ha mai potuto imbastire un dialogo con il terzo di testa.

Quindi guardiamo alle cifre degli incontri diretti fra le tre protagoniste del campionato. La Juventus ha battuto due volte il Croatia ed una volta il Green Gully conquistando 6 punti su un massimo di 8; il Green Gully ha perso e vinto con la Juventus, vinto e pareggiato con il Croatia per un totale di 5 punti su 8; il Croatia ha fatto registrare perciò tre sconfitte ed un pareggio con un solo punto su 8.

Quello però che le altre due squadre hanno fatto per finire davanti alla Juventus è che hanno evitato di scivolare sulle varie bucce di banane di cui il campionato era cosparsa, anzi contro le squadre andavano a nozze e con il tipico spirito di chi voleva vincere le affogavano di rete tanto da far registrare un quoziente reti di gran lunga superiore a quello della Juventus; ma battere il Croatia per 2-1 è molto più difficile di battere il South Melbourne Hellas 8-0.

E quando parliamo di scivolare su bucce di banane, non ci riferiamo alla vecchia abitudine della Juventus di battere le squadre forti e perdere con quelle deboli: i motivi di sconfitta del genere quest'anno hanno avuto motivi ben concreti, sono basati su errori madornali fatti dall'amministrazione e dalla direzione tecnica della squadra. Perciò, senza andare per ora in dettagli e riservandoci di farlo in futuro, per noi la Juventus era la migliore squadra del campionato ed ha perso il massimo alloro statale per la sua dabbenaggine, non perché il Green Gully o Croatia fossero squadre migliori!

Domenica prossima si giocherà la 'bella' fra Green Gully e Croatia nel primo incontro della State League Cup, ma la situazione appare, a dir poco, falsata da una serie di circostanze: il Green Gully ha la rosa dei giocatori al completo e potrà mettere in campo la formazione tipo con una panchina ben fornita e lo spirito alle stelle, mentre la Juventus ha Incantalupo e Zinni che debbono rientrare dopo infortuni e squalifiche e potrebbero perciò mancare di tenuta, mentre per Culen e quasi sicuro che non ci sarà nulla da fare dopo l'infortunio subito domenica scorsa contro l'Albion.

Pero! siamo sicuri che la Juventus vorrà non solo vendicare l'immeritata sconfitta del girone di ritorno (immeritata dai giocatori, ma meritata dalla panchina) e coglierà quest'occasione per vincere una competizione importante in quest'anno di grazia (e di disgrazia).

Naturalmente sarà necessario che la Juventus schieri un centromediano di ruolo

(Drinocky) e non dia troppo spazio al capocannoniere della lega! E ci vorrà anche una grande prestazione dai due ragazzi italiani, Incantalupo e Zinni, che hanno indubbiamente le munizioni per perforare la pur formidabile difesa avversaria.

In ogni caso, per chiudere questa superficiale panoramica del campionato della Juventus ci teniamo a far notare che il terzo posto dell'anno scorso e quello di quest'anno, anche se sono tecnicamente uguali, hanno ben poco altro in comune. L'anno scorso il livello del campionato era di gran lunga inferiore a quest'anno e l'attuale Juventus avrebbe fatto un sol boccone del titolo se il Croatia non fosse aumentato di giri con il ritorno di Cumming e l'aumentato contributo di Curcio, Latif, Biskic e Antolovic che in questo campionato hanno maturato ulteriormente, nel caso dei primi due, o si sono meglio ambientati, nel caso dei due jugoslavi.

Stesso discorso per il Green Gully che ha cambiato i due vecchi giocatori Gardner e McLeod con due ottimi giocatori come Short e Toal, oltre all'esplosione di Hogben ed una maggiore maturità ed affiatamento dei vari Peter Lewis, Paul Lewis, Cannell e l'anno superativo di Smallman.

### EAST CARLTON E EAST BRUNSWICK MOSTRANO BUON SENSO

Mentre la fusione tra Fawkner e Thomastown è tutta da rifare (e le possibilità di rifarla ci sono), un'altra fusione sembra potrebbe andare in porto con il minimo di difficoltà, quella fra East Brunswick e East Carlton. I due club hanno capito che l'unione fa la forza e che solo la forza potrà farli sopravvivere, anche se in una sola entità, negli anni futuri che si annunciano molto difficili per i piccoli club. Nelle discussioni preliminari avute fino ad ora non vi è stata alcuna presa di posizione su inutili cavilli e la fusione potrebbe diventare realtà nei prossimi giorni. Il nuovo club potrebbe contare su due buoni campi, uno dei quali da adibire a vivai giovanile, che è sempre la base di qualsiasi club per l'interesse e l'aiuto dei genitori (basti guardare alla Juventus e al Fawkner); avrebbe un'ottima sede, e notevole aiuto, nell'Abruzzo Club di East Brunswick; una notevole rosa di giocatori, dei sponsors molto più generosi ed un seguito non trascurabile. Inoltre, con la ristrutturazione delle leghe il prossimo anno, un binomio East Brunswick-East Carlton potrebbe guadagnarsi la promozione a tavolino addirittura in terza divisione della lega metropolitana, un salto di due divisioni per il presente East Brunswick e di una per il presente East Carlton. Per ora c'è solo da augurarsi che questo buon seme porti presto i suoi frutti. E che altri piccoli club prendano l'esempio da questi due.

## VIVA ITALIA! with ROCKY DI ZIO



### LA JUVENTUS 'ON PUO' ROVINARE LA COPPA ITALIA

La Coppa Italia di quest'anno si trova di fronte ad una delle maggiori crisi della sua storia. La ruggine che si è accumulata fra vari club durante l'anno (specialmente fra Fawkner e Juventus), porterebbe mettere in grave pericolo la popolare competizione di fine stagione.

Per cominciare l'organizzazione del torneo è stato assegnato al Fawkner, una decisione che non fa una piega perché il club di Jukes Road ha magnifici impianti e grandi capacità ed esperienza organizzativa, ma è pur sempre una decisione non molto diplomatica per mantenere l'interesse della Juventus nella competizione specialmente ora che il club bianconero ha capito che dalla Coppa Italia ha tutto da perdere e nulla da guadagnare. Seconda cosa il comitato direttivo della competizione ha deciso, con l'ac-

cettazione dei club la cui maggioranza è interessata a valorizzare se stessi, di cambiare il sistema di teste di serie: fino all'anno scorso le teste di serie venivano decise a seconda della lega alla quale le squadre prendono parte, quindi la Juventus era sempre la prima testa di serie. Il nuovo sistema assegna le teste di serie a seconda dei risultati ottenuti nella precedente Coppa Italia, e poiché la Juventus non raggiunge le ultime quattro l'anno scorso, non sarà quest'anno testa di serie.

Aggiungasi poi la bizzarria della dea bendata che nel sorteggio faceva capitare la Juventus nello stesso girone della testa di serie Fawkner e la misura è colma.

La decisione di assegnare la Coppa Italia al Fawkner non fa una piega, ed il nuovo regolamento è a dir poco controverso, ma tutti i motivi di questo mondo non sono sufficienti per causare il rifiuto della Juventus a partecipare alla competizione, come si dice in giro.

La Juventus, come club più vecchio e più prestigioso, ha una grande responsabilità verso la comunità sportiva italiana, verso gli altri club e verso la competizione che in anni futuri potrebbe tornare a suo vantaggio. Ci auguriamo perciò che le voci siano infondate e che la Juventus non si assuma 'la responsabilità' e l'antipatia generale per rovinarla. Che mandi pure una squadra di ragazzi, ma che sia presente!



## SENKALSKI'S SUPER BOOT

That's the boot that did the damage: the one which Joe Senkalski (right) scored his two goals in Newcastle's victory over Brisbane Lions at Richlands last Sunday. Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser (left) reckons he'll clean that boot every time Senkalski scored with it. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

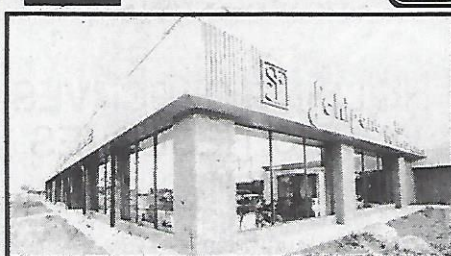


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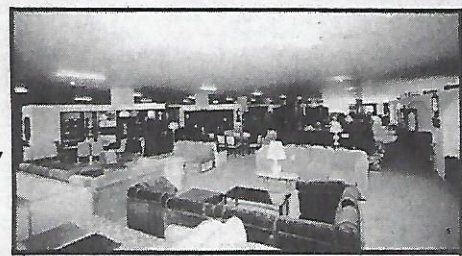
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